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CHARLES P. WARE, Brookline.

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On Admission.

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William W. Vaughan, Mrs. Edward Motley.

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Thomas Parsons, Frank Wells,
Mrs. J. J. Dixwell, A. L. Lowell.

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Mrs. James B. Case, Miss Anna C. Lowell,
Mrs. W. C. Williamson, Mrs. F. W. G. May.

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Mrs. D. S. Greenough,

Mrs. G. H. Shaw, Miss E. B. Rogers.

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Auditing Committee.

Thomas Parsons, Alex. S. Porter.

On Medford Branch Asylum.

Henry F. Jenks.

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Miss C. L. Ware, Mrs. John Bartlett.

Matron.

Miss Clapp.

Assistant Matrons.

Miss Stockman, Miss Hinckley.

Physicians.

Attending.	*Consulting.*
Dr. Lucy E. Sewall,	Dr. Samuel Cabot,
Dr. Charles P. Putnam,	Dr. M. E. Zakrzewska.

Assistant Attending.

Dr. George K. Sabine, Dr. Emma L. Call.

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Secretary.

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Mrs. D. N. Skillings.....Winchester.
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Boarding Committee.

Mrs. A. F. Sise, Mrs. R. Metcalf,
Miss Helen Porter, Mrs. Wm. H. Randall,
Mrs. E. A. Wadleigh.

Clothing Committee.

Mrs. A. F. Sise, Mrs. D. N. Skillings,
Mrs. J. O. Curtis, Mrs. John T. Manny,
Mrs. E. A. Wadleigh.

Supply Committee.

Mrs. Wm. H. Randall, Miss F. E. Bemis.

Committee to Confer with Committee of Directors.

Miss F. E. Bemis, Mrs. A. F. Sise.

Committee to Confer with Committee on Adoption and Discharge.

Mrs. N. P. Hallowell.

Physicians.

Dr. C. V. Bemis, Dr. F. Winsor.

Matron.

Miss S. B. Hoag.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Curtis Street, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Committee on Admission.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provisions of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Applications for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock, P. M.

Boston and Providence Railroad.

Leave Boston, 6.55, 7.05, 7.35, 9, 9.30, 10.10, 11.35, A. M.; 12.10, 12.30, 1.15, 2.10, 2.40, 3.15, 4.05, 4.45, 5.05, 5.25, 5.55, 6.10, 6.33, 7.35, 8, 9.15, 10, 10.35, 11.15, P. M.

Leave Boylston Street, 6.26, 6.37, 7.02, 7.21, 7.48, 8.22, 8.51, 9.27, 10.21, 11.08, 11.52, A. M.; 12.52, 1.35, 1.49, 2.17, 2.36, 3.17, 3.57, 4.34, 4.57, 5.19, 6.56, 7.08, 8.08, 8.52, 9.20, 10.36, P. M.

Horse Cars for Jamaica Plain, leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

VISITORS, 1883–'84.

April, ...	Mrs. Charles L. Peirson.	Miss P. G. Adam.
May, ...	Miss C. L. Ware.	Mrs. John Lowell.
June, ...	Mrs. F. W. G. May.	
July, ...		Miss A. H. Thwing.
August, ...	Mrs. J. J. Dixwell.	Mrs. Geo. Faulkner.
September, . . .	Miss M. A. Revere.	
October, ...		Mrs. E. Motley.
November, . . .	Miss A. C. Lowell.	Mrs. John Bartlett.
December, . . .		Mrs. W. C. Williamson.
January, ...	Mrs. D. S. Greenough.	Mrs. J. B. Case.
February, ...	Mrs. G. H. Shaw.	Mrs. S. K. Lothrop.
March, ...	Miss A. P. Cary.	Miss E. B. Rogers.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum submit their Sixteenth Annual Report.

A year ago, the Asylum had under its care,	119	
Admitted since,	133	
		252
Died,	17	
Adopted,	30	
Discharged,*	80	
		127
At present under our care,		125

Which are distributed as follows:—

At Asylum,	22	
At Branch Asylum at West Medford,	13	
At Board from Main Asylum,	67	
At Board from Branch Asylum,	23	
		125

Our history during the past year has been a quiet one, unmarked by anything calling for especial notice. This quietness is not, however, the repose of inaction, for the work of selecting from the many children which are brought to us those most deserving of admission — the clothing, the tending, and the providing homes for them when they become two years of age, know no pause.

Our methods remain the same as in former years. The child whose claims to our care are approved by the Committee on Admission,

*Of the children discharged there were taken by Superintendent Department

In-Door Poor,	1
Returned to Relatives,	20
Sent to other Charitable Institutions,	10
Returned to State Authorities,	13
Discharged with Mothers, Wet Nurses,	30
Otherwise disposed of	6

and whose physical condition is satisfactory to the Physician. goes to one of the two home houses, or, is placed at board by

THE COMMITTEE ON BOARDING

who have had from sixty-five to seventy children under their charge through the whole year. This part of our work still continues to be that in which we find our largest success and most entire satisfaction.

In Weston, Wayland, Canton, Sharon, North Easton, West Dedham, Lexington, Medford and Winchester we have our principal colonies. In each of these towns there are homes where we always keep one, two or three children in perfect confidence that all the benefits of fresh air, good food and faithful, loving care will be surely theirs; and the change that is so often wrought from the puny, miserable creature that we send, to the sturdy, vigorous boy, or healthy, rosy girl that comes back to us at two years of age, sufficiently attests the value of this part of our work.

Though these places are less costly than our Main Asylum, our ability to board out children is necessarily limited by our want of means. With a larger income we could do much more in this direction; —a direction that seems to us to aim at the very root of pauperism;— for these children are lifted out of the pauper state in which they are born, and given a fair start in life with sound bodies. Surrounded from the very outset with healthy moral influences, they become an attractive, promising class of children, readily adopted into families where they are brought up to honest labor, and self-respecting, law-abiding lives.

For several years our Committee on Boarding have been greatly aided by Miss Helen A. Ames, whose sudden death takes from us a wise and generous friend.

THE COMMITTEE ON CLOTHING

in addition to the keeping up of a constant supply of clothing for the infants, have to provide largely for the nurses, who are frequently very destitute when they come to us. Just at this moment the want is greatly felt of shawls, or warm covering of some kind, which the

nurses can wear when the babies are given their exercise. These shawls or garments would be kept at the Asylum, and serve in turn for a succession of nurses.

Again the Directors have great pleasure in speaking of the great success of

The Branch at West Medford

whose managers conduct their Asylum smoothly, efficiently, economically. We should be glad to see other branches spring up in other towns; where once started, the interest which is awakened by caring for the helpless young would be sure to be strong enough to carry them along.

The Finances

of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum are not in so sound a position as could be wished. The Treasurer's Report for the year will show a fair balance sheet, but this is arrived at by appropriating to the expenses of the year the sums received as gifts in answer to our appeals made a year ago. Our friends aided us generously, and for one year we are able, by the use of the funds received, to present a statement of receipts and expenditures which does not show encroachments on our capital. Unless we fall heir to legacies, or are otherwise unexpectedly favored, we cannot hope for so good a result in the coming year. We should much like to have our list of annual subscribers increased. This has shrunken under losses by death and withdrawals, until it is not only relatively smaller in proportion to the wealth and number of the community, but is absolutely smaller than in the early days of the Asylum.

As ever, our Matrons have been devoted day and night to the welfare of those under their charge.

Our thanks are due to many physicians who have tended children in the towns where they are boarded.

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

The health of the children has been, on the whole, excellent during the past year. Of the 254 that were under our care on April 1, 1882, or have been admitted since then, 17 have died of the following causes:

Marasmus,	3
Cholera Infantum,	6
Chronic Diarrhœa,	1
Convulsions, (cause unknown.)	1
Anæmia and Debility,	3
Meningitis,	1
Bronchitis,	1
Strangulated Hernia,	1

Of these children, fifteen were sent to the Asylum by overseers of the poor of various cities and towns, and were mostly foundlings or deserted children, and two were admitted by our committee.

Five died at the Asylum in Jamaica Plain or at West Medford, and twelve at boarding places.

One hundred and twenty-five are now in our care. No serious epidemic visited either of the Asylums or any of the colonies of boarding children.

On looking back to the condition of the Asylum twelve years ago, one is struck with the great change which has taken place in its method. At that time we had a home for children, a few of whom, with care and circumspection, were put out to board generally very near the Asylum. so that they could easily be returned to it. Now, it may be said that our business is to board out children, though we have a home where a few of them are kept because they require wet nursing or peculiar care, and to which they may be returned if sick in a way to require it, or for any other reason.

About five years ago we said the Boarding-out Department was one of the most important; we must now say it is the most important. The children are scattered about the country in various directions, some of them thirty or forty miles away, but the larger part are in colonies at or near Medford, Wayland, Canton and North Easton, and so good is the health among them on the whole, that we are sometimes led to consider whether we might not do our work in boarding places altogether, and give up the Home. The question has, however, always to be answered in the negative. The Home is of inestimable value to us, small as is the proportion of babies kept in it.

No one can tell on first seeing a young infant what course it will take, whether toward health or sickness. Not infrequently, babies that have appeared sufficiently healthy at the time of admission have steadily gone down after they were admitted, and have either died, or needed close attention and careful nursing before they were able to go out to board, and for many others it would be impossible to select the appropriate boarding place had we no opportunity to study their peculiarities for a while. It often happens, also, that a child is sent home from its boarding place — or is sent for to come home — in a state of health or under other conditions, preventing its being sent immediately to another place.

Still, our ideas have constantly changed as to the number of children at board that can be cared for with a home of the size of the present one. The number at board is now larger than it has ever been before, and we have no reason to doubt that it could, without detriment, be still further increased.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM.

For the Physicians.

Dr. EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer, in Account*

1882.			
April 1.	To Balance, as per last Report		$869.57
1883.			
April 2.	To Receipts during the past year, viz :—		
	From Subscriptions	$1,829.50	
	" Sundry Gifts	2,297.00	
	" State of Massachusetts	14,743.79	
	" Mothers for their children's board	744 98	
	" Sundries	8.31	
	" Income of Lyman Fund	1.260.00	
	" " Clothing Fund	170.00	
	" " Joy Fund	250.00	
	" " Cabot Fund	40.00	
	" " Putnam Fund	150.00	
	" " General Fund	538.91	
	Total Current Receipts		22,032.49
	From Sale of Chicago Bond	$1,257.50	
	" " A. T. & S. F. R.R. Bond	826.13	
			2,083 63
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate		500.00
			$25,485.69

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1883.			
April 2.	INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS.		
	CORA LYMAN FUND.—8 Cambridge City Bonds 6 ℘ cent., costing	$7,740.00	
	4 Bath (Me.) " " 6 " "	4,115 67	
	9 Worcester " " 6 " "	8,368.50	
	CLOTHING FUND.—2 St. Louis " " 6 " "	2,003.33	
	1 A. T. & S. F. R.R. " 5 " "	960.00	
	HANNAH CABOT FUND.—1 U. S. Consol " 4 " "	1,000.00	
	Mrs. MAY FUND.— 1 " " " 4 " "	593.13	
	PUTNAM FUND.—3 A. T. & S. F. R.R. " 5 " "	2,887.50	
	JOY FUND.— 5 " " " 5 " "	4,802.29	
	GENERAL FUND.—5 " " " 5 " "	4,802.29	
	25 Shares C. B. & Q. R.R. Stock, "	3,481.25	
			$40,753.96
	Land as per last Report	$19,968.51	
	Buildings as per last Report	23,982.23	
	Furniture as per last Report	882.02	
			44,832.76
	Balance Cash on hand		2,080.09
			$87,666.81

E. & O. E.

EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, April 9, 1883.

with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1883.		For Medford Branch.	For Main Asylum.
April 2.	By amounts paid during past year, viz:—		
	For Salaries and Wages	$898.08	$2,050.36
	" Milk	260.10	571.10
	" Provisions	793.30	1,770.67
	" Ice, Tea and Water	37.04	192.47
	" Fuel and Gas	281.75	1,078.40
	" Drugs and Medical Advice	38.18	100.97
	" Repairs and Furniture	113.07	490 37
	" Printing and Advertising	4.00	192.65
	" Express and Carriages	8.84	93.05
	" Board of Children	3,724.53	8,470.00
	" Incidentals	86.87	101.86
	" Chardon Street Home		60.00
	" Collecting Subscriptions		22.00
	" Burials	36.00	
	" Rent	400.00	
	" Labor	28.49	
	" Dry Goods and Clothing		82.19
	Total at Asylum and Chardon Street		$15,276.09
	Total at Medford Branch		6,710.25
	Total Current Expenses		$21,986.34
	Invested in U. S. Bond	593.13	
	Invested in A. T. & S. F. Bond	826.13	
			1,419.26
	Total Disbursements		$23,405.60
April 2.	By Balance on hand to New Account		2,080.09
			$25,485.69

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1883.			
April 2.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.		
	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman	$20,000.00	
	" Trustees of Miss Joy's Estate	5,000.00	
	" Subscription to Building Fund as before	15,700.42	
	" " Clothing Fund	3,025.00	
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate	1,000.00	
	" Miss Putnam's Estate	3,000.00	
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate	500.00	
			$48,225.42
	" General Fund as per last Report	$38,590.24	
	Add profit on Chicago bonds sold	805.00	
	Add excess of Current Receipts $22,032.49		
	over Current Expenses 21,986 34		
		46.15	
	Making General Fund at present		39,441.39
			$87,666.81

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of Edward S. Philbrick, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the period of one year previous to date, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in his hands as above stated.

BOSTON, April 9, 1883.

THOMAS PARSONS,
ALEX. S. PORTER, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

LIFE MEMBERS.

"Any person desiring to be a life member may become so by paying fifty dollars or more." — (*Extract from By-Laws.*)

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Mrs. John Q. Adams,
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Mrs. Adams Ayer.

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Mrs. Sidney Bartlett,
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Bennet,
Mrs. Joshua Bennett,
R. C. Billings,
J. I. Bowditch,
Mrs. J. I. Bowditch,
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch,
Mrs. Gardner Brewer,
Martin Brimmer,
Mrs. Martin Brimmer,
Mrs. P. C. Brooks,
Mrs. Sidney Brooks,
Mrs. W. S. Bullard.

Mrs. J. S. Cabot,
Mrs. Samuel Cabot,
Mrs. T. G. Cary,
Mrs. Andrew Carney,
Mrs. Charles R. Codman,
William E. Coffin,
Mrs. W. E. Coffin,
Mrs. T. J. Coolidge,
Greely S. Curtis,
Mrs. J. G. Cushing.

Mrs. Dall,
Mrs. C. H. Dalton,
James Davis,
Dr. Hasket Derby,
F. G. Dexter,
Mrs. Geo. Dexter,
Mrs. Geo. Dickinson,
Mrs. R. C. Dixey,
Charles F. Donnelly.

Mrs. Samuel Eliot,
Dr. Calvin Ellis.

Mrs. A. G. Farwell,
I. D. Farnsworth,
Mrs. Dr. Faulkner,
A. Flagg,
J. M. Forbes,
Mrs. J. M. Forbes,
Mrs. W. H. Forbes.

Mrs. John L. Gardner,
Mrs. George Gardner,
Mrs. W. T. Glidden,
Mrs. Ozias Goodwin,
Miss Eliza Goodwin,
William Gray, Jr.,
Mrs. Franklin Greene,
Mrs. P. E. Guild.

Mrs. Henry Hatch,
Mrs. A. Hemenway,
Mrs. Charles Hemenway,
Geo. Higginson,
Mrs. Almon D. Hodges,
Mrs. S. Hooper,
Miss E. Howes,
H. H. Hunnewell,
F. W. Hunnewell.

Mrs. Joseph Iasigi.

C. C. Jackson,
Mrs. N. M. Jewitt,
Mrs. E. D. Jordan.

H. P. Kidder,
Franklin King.

Mrs. James Lawrence,
Mrs. William Lawrence,
Mrs. J. Ellerton Lodge,
J. A. Loring.
Mrs. T. K. Lothrop,
Miss Anna C. Lowell,
A. T. Lyman,
Mrs. A. T. Lyman,
G. W. Lyman,
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Miss E. F. Mason,
Miss Ida M. Mason,
Mrs. Nathan Matthews,
Miss Ernestine May,
Miss Josephine May,
Mrs. S. May,
Mrs. Caroline Merriam,
Mrs. Charles Merriam,
Mrs. G. R. Minot,
Mrs. M. M. McGregor.

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John Felt Osgood,
Mrs. J. F. Osgood.

Mrs. C. J. Paine,
George F. Parkman,
Mrs. S. R. Payson,
Edward S. Philbrick,
Mrs. John C. Phillips,
Mrs. W. D. Pickman,
Isaac Pitman,
Mrs. Isaac Pitman,
Miss Pratt,
Mrs. Langdon Pratt,
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Mrs. J. P. Putnam.

J. H. Reed,
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Mrs. G. C. Richardson,
S. W. Rodman,
D. W. Russell,
Mrs. G. R. Russell.

Henry Saltonstall,
Mrs Henry Saltonstall,
Ignatius Sargent,
Mrs. S. B. Schlesinger,
Mrs. G. H. Shaw,
Mrs. Q. A. Shaw,
Mrs. R. G. Shaw,
Mrs. Henry E. Simmons, *Brooklyn, N.Y.*
Mrs. F. Skinner,
S. G. Snelling,
Miss Salome H. Snow,
A. W. Spencer,
Mrs. C. E. Stratton,
Isaac Sweetser.

Mrs. B. W. Taggard,
Mrs. John G. Tappan,
Miss Mary A. Tappan,
Mrs. William A. Tappan,
Isaac Thacher,
Mrs. William Thomas,
Mrs. Columbus Tyler.

Mrs. A. F. Wadsworth,
Mrs. G. W. Wales,
Miss Mary A. Wales,
Mrs. C. E. Ware,
Mrs. S. D. Warren,
William W. Warren,
Mrs. William W. Warren,
Mrs. William F. Weld,
Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright,
Mrs William Whiting,
D. R. Whitney,
Charles B. Wilson,
George S. Winslow,
Mrs. J. H. Wolcott,
J. H. Wolcott.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN 1882-'83.

Miss Anne W. Abbot $3 00
Mrs. Henry W. Abbot.....2 50
Mrs. Abel Adams..... ....10 00
Mrs. Charles F. Adams.....10 00
Miss Mary L. Adams.....2 00
Miss Hannah A. Adam.....5 00
Miss Phebe G. Adam 5 00
Mrs. Louis Agassiz 10 00
James R. Ames 5 00
Thomas C. Amory.....10 00
William Amory, for five years..100 00
Mrs. J. F. Anderson 5 00
Mrs. F. W. Andrews.....10 00
Miss C. L. Appleton 3 00
Mrs. Elisha Atkins. 3 00

Mrs. F. W. Balch.....10 00
Miss Bancroft..... 5 00
Miss Bartlett.....3 00
Mrs. M. H. Bartlett.....3 00
Mrs. John Bartlett.....10 00
Mrs. Sidney Bartlett.....10 00
Mrs. C. A. Bartol.....5 00
Mrs. A. D. Berry.....3 00
Dr. G. A. Bethune.....10 00
Mrs. E. B. Bigelow..... .....5 00
Mrs. Horatio Bigelow.....5 00
Mrs. Geo. B. Blake.....10 00
Mrs. W. Blanchard.....3 00
Mrs. Harriet L. Blanchard.....3 00
Mrs. W. D. Boardman.....5 00
E. D. Boit, Jr.....10 00
Mrs. G. W. Bond.....5 00
J. I. Bowditch.....50 00
C. P. Bowditch.....5 00
C. F. Bradford.....3 00
Charles Brewer.....5 00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks 10 00
Miss Bruen.....5 00
Mrs. Henry Bryant.....5 00
Mrs. W. S. Bullard 10 00
Mrs. J. A. Burnham, Jr.....5 00
Mrs. S. W. Bush 2 00

Dr. Samuel Cabot.....20 00
Mrs. S. Cabot.....10 00
Mrs. J. Eliot Cabot 5 00
Mrs. George Carter.....5 00
Miss A. P. Cary.....25 00
Miss Ellen G. Cary 10 00
Miss S. E. Cary.....5 00
J. B. Case.....3 00
Mrs. J. B. Case.... .....3 00
Mrs. R. G. Chase.....3 00
Mrs J. F. Clarke.....10 00
Miss L. Clarke..... .. 5 00
Mrs. W. R. Clarke.....3 00
Mrs. Charles R. Codman.....10 00
Mrs. James M. Codman.....5 00
Mrs. A. Coolidge 10 00
Mrs. Charles B. Cumings.....2 00
Mrs. F. Cunningham.....5 00
Mrs. J. H. Cunningham 3 00
Carried up.....$530 50

Brought up.....$530 50
C. P. Curtis.....10 00
Mrs. Franklin Curtis.....3 00
R. M. Cushing.....25 00
T. F. Cushing.....20 00

Miss Annie W. Davis 10 00
Stephen G. Deblois.....10 00
Mrs. F. P. Denny.....3 00
F. G. Dexter.....25 00
Mrs. S. Parkman Dexter 3 00
Mrs. J. J. Dixwell 25 00
Mrs. John A. Dodd.....5 00
Miss Susan Dorr.....10 00
Mrs. Samuel Downer 3 00
Mrs. W. R. Dupee.....3 00

Mrs. S. Eliot.....10 00
William Endicott, Jr.....5 00
Miss A. C. Everett.....3 00

Horace Farrington.....5 00
Mrs. A. G. Farwell.....1 00
Mrs. Dr. Faulkner.....15 00
Mrs. Fifield.....3 00
Mrs. Geo. J. Fiske.....5 00
Mrs. A. Flagg.....10 00
Henry W. Foote.....3 00
Miss French 3 00

Mrs. E. Ginn.... .....10 00
George A. Goddard.....10 00
Miss Julia Goddard.....5 00
Miss Matilda Goddard.....3 00
Mrs. F. H. Gray.....5 00
Mrs. Charles M. Green.....5 00
Mrs. R. C. Greenleaf.....5 00
Mrs. D. S. Greenough.....10 00
Mrs. Thomas Groom.....3 00
Mrs. E. W. Gurney.....10 00

Mrs. T. B. Hall 3 00
Mrs. Joseph B. Harden.....2 00
Miss T. K. Harris.....1 00
Mrs. William Harris.....1 00
James T. Hayward.....3 00
Mrs. James W. Hayward.....3 00
Miss Lizzie D. Henchman 3 00
Mrs. H. L. Higginson.....30 00
Mrs. Waldo Higginson.....5 00
Mrs. S. Hobbs.....3 00
Mrs. S. P. Holbrook.....5 00
Mrs. Daniel C. Holder 3 00
Charles D. Homans..... ...5 00
Mrs. John Homans.....5 00
E. W. Hooper.....50 00
Mrs. S. Hooper.....20 00
Mrs. Geo. D. Howe.....10 00
Miss E. Howes 5 00
Sibyl M. Hunt.....5 00
Mrs. W. V. Hutchings 5 00

Edward Jackson.....5 00
Mrs. Samuel Johnson 5 00
Carried up.....$986 50

Brought up	$986 50
Mrs. F. A. Kennedy	10 00
1883–'84	20 00
Mrs. D. P. Kimball	5 00
Mrs. J. W. Kimball	5 00
Mrs. Franklin King	4 00
Miss F. King	3 00
Miss Sophie King	3 00
Mrs. H. T. B. Larkan	2 00
Mrs. Henry Lee	10 00
Mrs. George C. Lee	5 00
Mrs. J. L. Little	5 00
Mrs. J. E. Lodge	10 00
Mrs. Martha P. Lowe	1 00
Miss A. C. Lowell	50 00
Mrs. G. G. Lowell	5 00
Mrs. John Lowell	5 00
Mrs. Matthew Luce	5 00
Mrs. A. T. Lyman	20 00
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	15 00
Frances M. Mackay	25 00
Mrs. F. W. G. May	5 00
Mrs. Charles Merriam	5 00
Mrs. Henry Mitchell	3 00
Francis Minot	5 00
Mrs. Geo. R. Minot	10 00
Mrs. Moring	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Morison	3 00
Mrs. Henry D. Morse	3 00
Mrs. R. M. Morse, Jr.	3 00
Miss E. C. Morse	2 00
Mrs. S. T. Morse	10 00
Mrs. Edward Motley	20 00
Mrs. Bennett Nash	5 00
Mrs. M. P. Nichols	3 00
Mrs. J. F. Osgood	5 00
Mrs. C. J. Paine	5 00
Mrs. Robt. T. Paine	10 00
F. W. Palfrey	5 00
Mrs. F. W. Palfrey	5 00
Mrs. Augustus Parker	2 00
Thomas Parsons	3 00
Charles L. Peirson	10 00
Mrs. O. W. Peabody	10 00
Mrs. William Perkins	10 00
Elizabeth W. Perkins	15 00
Edward D. Peters	10 00
Mrs. W. D. Pickman	10 00
Mrs. Jacob W. Pierce	5 00
Mrs. S. B. Pierce	3 00
Isaac Pitman	3 00
Mrs. H. V. Poor	3 00
Alex. S. Porter	5 00
Mrs. Alex. S. Porter	5 00
Miss Mary Pratt	5 00
Geo. M. Preston	5 00
Mrs. Geo. H. Preston	2 00
Miss C. Putnam	5 00
Mrs. Margaret Putnam	5 00
Mrs. Sarah Reed	5 00
Mrs. J. Revere	5 00
Carried up	$1,427 50

Brought up	$1,427 50
Miss Revere	5 00
Mrs. E. E. Rice	5 00
Mrs. S. B. Rindge	10 00
Mrs. Royal E. Robbins	5 00
Mrs. Alfred P. Rockwell	5 00
Mrs. S. W. Rodman	10 00
William C. Rogers	15 00
J. S. Ropes	5 00
Miss Mary Russell	2 00
Mrs. Henry Saltonstall	25 00
Henry Saltonstall	25 00
"Sanders Fund"	10 00
Mrs. Epes Sargent	5 00
Mrs. David Sears	5 00
Mrs. Fred. R. Sears	10 00
Mrs. P. H Sears	20 00
Mrs. G. C. Shattuck	5 00
Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20 00
Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw	25 00
Mrs. N. Silsbee	5 00
Mrs. John Simpkins	5 00
Mrs. C. C. Smith	5 00
Miss Sohier	5 00
Mrs. Francis P. Sprague	5 00
Mrs. J. L. Stackpole	5 00
Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	5 00
Mrs. R. Stone, Jr.	5 00
Mrs. F. H. Story	5 00
Mrs. Charles S. Storrow	5 00
Richard Sullivan	5 00
Mrs. R. G. Sumner	3 00
Miss Olivia B. Tappan	1 00
Miss M. A. Tappan	10 00
Mrs. W. A. Tappan	10 00
Mrs. C. P. Thompson	1 00
1881–'82	1 00
Miss A. S. Townsend	3 00
Mrs. T. W. Tuttle	3 00
Mrs. S. F. Tyler	5 00
Mrs. H. C. Wainwright	3 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Wales	5 00
Miss M. A. Wales	5 00
Mrs. A. L. Walker	3 00
Miss A. S. Ware	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Ware	10 00
Miss C. L. Ware	5 00
Miss M. L. Ware	10 00
Mrs. J. C. Warren	5 00
Mrs. S. D. Warren	5 00
Mrs. F. M. Weld	10 00
Miss S. Weld	5 00
George Wheatland, Jr.	5 00
Mrs. Josiah Wheelwright	3 00
Mrs. J. W. Wheelwright	5 00
Henry Whitman	5 00
Mrs. J. C. White	3 00
Mrs. C. A. Whittier	1 00
D. W. Williams	5 00
Mary Williams	3 00
Miss E. F. Wright	10 00
Mrs. B. L. Young	10 00
	$1,862 50

GIFTS Received from April 1, 1882, to March 31, 1883.

Mrs. Geo. Putnam	$10 00
Miss Anna C. Lowell	100 00
Richard T. Parker	20 00
Mrs. K. W. Sears	25 00
Miss Helen A. Ames	100 00
Mrs. W. H. Forbes	50 00
Mrs. J. Nickerson	20 00
Miss Josephine Nickerson	15 00
Mrs. William Appleton	20 00
J. A. Loring	20 00
F. E. Parker	20 00
Mrs. J. W. Clarke	20 00
Miss Lucy Ellis	15 00
Miss Marion Russell	25 00
E. S. Dixwell	10 00
Mrs. M. M. McGregor	50 00
Mrs D. P. Kimball	5 00
Master David Kimball	5 00
Miss Katherine P. Kimball	5 00
Easter Offering (Trinity Ch.)	10 00
I. D. Farnsworth	50 00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks	50 00
A Friend	50 00
R. T. Parker	25 00
F. G. Dexter	50 00
Mrs. C. A. Whittier	9 00
Frank Sargent	25 00
Mrs. Sidney Brooks	50 00
Mrs. A. T. Perkins	15 00
A Friend	100 00
Mrs J. Murray Forbes	5 00
Miss Sohier	20 00
Mrs. Harvey Sprague	5 00
Miss Harriet Sprague	5 00
Joseph B. Harden	5 00
Carried up	$1,009 00
Brought up	$1,009 00
N. C. Billings	25 00
E. F. Daland	25 00
Miss Rose Whiting	20 00
Miss Salome H. Snow	100 00
Mrs. Geo. Gardner	50 00
Mrs. Geo. C. Shattuck	5 00
Mrs. John C. Phillips	50 00
Mrs. J. S. Cabot	50 00
Miss E. Howes	50 00
Mrs. Langdon Pratt	50 00
Mrs. C. E. Ware	100 00
Mrs. Eliot C. Clarke	5 00
Mrs. C. C. Chadwick	10 00
Mrs. Josiah Wheelwright	3 00
Mrs. Waldo Higginson	5 00
Mrs. W. G. Weld	10 00
Miss Ida M. Mason	50 00
Miss E. M. Mason	50 00
J. H. Wolcott	100 00
Geo. A. Gardner	20 00
Miss E. B. Rogers	5 00
Mrs. John M. Forbes	100 00
Unknown	20 00
Mrs. J. Coolidge	50 00
Mrs. Chas. Hemenway	50 00
Mrs. S. E. Guild	50 00
Mrs. E. H. S.	5 00
Mrs. Ginn	20 00
A Friend	25 00
F. W. Hunnewell	50 00
George Higginson	100 00
W. T Bramhall	10 00
Mrs. H. M. Whitney	25 00
	$2,297 00

CLOTHING, etc., Donated in 1882-'83.

A baby carriage — Source unknown.

Knit stockings — Mrs. John Bartlett, 165 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass.

One box of second hand clothing, one trunk of useful clothing for the nurses, and 12 white dresses for the babies, 8 knit shirts, 2 pairs knit stockings, 1 pair shoes and 7 dresses for the two year old children — Miss C. L. Ware, and Mrs. George Putnam.

10 long slips, 2 knit bands, 9 pairs socks, and a white knit crib quilt — Mrs. E. L Bennett, Brookline, Mass.

Bundle of clothing—Source unknown.

12 long white slips, 6 shoulder blankets and 7 shirts — First Parish, Dorchester, Mass., through Mrs. F. W. G. May.

12 long white slips—Ladies' Unitarian Charitable Society, Woburn, Mass., through Mrs. E. O. Wyman.

Free expressage of same by Hart & Co.'s express, Woburn, Mass.

Second hand clothing, boots and shoes, 8 infants white slips, 11 pairs knit stockings, rubber toys for the babies, and old linen — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue.

Clothing—Ladies' Benevolent Society First Parish, Dorchester, through Mrs. Emily A. Fifield.

Patch work and cradle quilts — Elsie and Effie Putnam.

2 knit shirts — Mrs. Bennett Nash.

Babies' sacks from Mrs. Nash in 1881. Omitted through mistake.

1 barrel apples — James Clapp, Pomfret Centre, Conn.

Apples — Mrs. Dixwell, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Apples — Mrs. Chase, Wyman Street, Jamaica Plain.

Knit shirts, by mail — Source unknown.

Shirts and petticoats — Mrs. J. C. Warren.

3 pairs stockings — Mrs. F. H. Kennedy, Cambridge, Mass.

6 pairs stockings, 2 knit bands — Mrs. Motley, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

7 pairs knit stockings — Miss Mary B. Comins, Willow Cottage, Roxbury.

A turkey for Thanksgiving — Miss Anna C. Lowell, Centre Street.

A turkey and cranberries for Thanksgiving — Mrs. H. L. Higginson.

Cranberries — Mrs. A. H. Gay, West Dedham, Mass.

A pot of butter — Mrs. Thomas C. Clapp, Homer, Nebraska.

A box of butter — Mrs. Howard French, North Easton, Mass.

Christmas presents for all the nurses and servants — Mrs. J. J. Dixwell, Mrs. John Lowell, and Miss Anna C. Lowell.

Christmas cards — L. Prang & Co.

A baby's chair — Mrs. Childs, Terrace Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.

A baby carriage by express — Source unknown.

Old linen — Mrs. Dr. Faulkner, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Stockings —Channing Sewing Circle.

Stockings—Ladies' Benevolent Society of Weston, Mass.

Clothing — Mrs. Dr. Sabine, Brookline, Mass.

Mittens — Mrs. Edward Motley, 22 Commonwealth Avenue.

1 doz. pairs stockings — Mrs Charles C. Smith, 286 Marlboro' Street.

Clothing for the children boarding in North Easton — Mrs. Frederick Ames and Miss Helen A. Ames.

Constant gifts of clothing from many of the women who board the babies.

Various bundles brought by express, without name — all useful, and all thankfully received.

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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1884–'85.

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CHARLES P. WARE, Walnut Street, Brookline.

Treasurer.

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Mrs. W. C. WILLIAMSON . . . . . 370 Marlboro' Street, Boston.

Assistant Treasurer.

CHARLES P. WARE, Brookline.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Admission.

Miss Anne P. Cary,

Tucker Daland, Mrs. Edward Motley.

On Adoption and Discharge.

Miss Maria A. Revere,

Mrs. G. H. Shaw, Mrs. John Lowell,

Frank Wells, A. L. Lowell.

On Boarding.

Miss C. L. Ware,

Mrs. James B. Case, Miss Anna C. Lowell,

Mrs. W. C. Williamson, Mrs. F. W. G. May.

On House.

Mrs. D. S. Greenough, Miss A. H. Thwing,

Miss E. B. Rogers, Mrs. J. Lowell.

On Clothing.

Mrs. C. L. Peirson,

Miss E. B. Rogers, Mrs. F. W. G. May,

Miss Annie H. Thwing, Mrs. J. J. Dixwell,

Mrs. F. A. Kennedy, Mrs. C. B. Cumings.

On Business with City and State.

T. C. Amory, Henry F. Jenks,

Thomas Parsons, Dr. F. Wells.

On Finance.

E. S. Philbrick, Thomas Parsons.

Auditing Committee.

Thomas Parsons, Alex. S. Porter.

On Medford Branch Asylum.

Henry F. Jenks,

Miss Maria A. Revere, Mrs. F. A. Kennedy,

Miss C. L. Ware, Mrs. John Bartlett.

Matron.

Miss Clapp.

Assistant Matrons.

Miss Stockman, Miss Hinckley.

Physicians.

Attending.

Dr. Lucy E. Sewall,

Dr. Charles P. Putnam,

Consulting.

Dr. Samuel Cabot,

Dr. M. E. Zakrzewska.

Assistant Attending.

Dr. George K. Sabine, Dr. Emma L. Call.

Board of Managers of Medford Branch Asylum.

President.

N. P. Hallowell, West Medford.

Secretary.

Mrs. William H. Randall, Medford.

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Miss F. E. Bemis . . . . . Medford.
Mrs. J. O. Curtis . . . . . Medford.
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Mrs. E. Shattuck . . . . . Winchester.
Mrs. A. F. Sise . . . . . Medford.
Mrs. D. N. Skillings . . . . . Winchester.
Mrs. Edwin A. Wadleigh . . . . Winchester.
Mrs. William Webb . . . . . Winchester.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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Miss Helen Porter, Mrs. W. H. Randall,
Mrs. E. A. Wadleigh.

Clothing Committee.

Mrs. A. F. Sise, Mrs. D. N. Skillings,
Mrs. J. O. Curtis, Mrs. John T. Manny,
Mrs. E. A. Wadleigh.

Supply Committee.

Mrs. Wm. H. Randall, Miss F. E. Bemis.

Committee to Confer with Committee of Directors.

Miss F. E. Bemis, Mrs. A. F. Sise.

Committee to Confer with Committee on Adoption and Discharge.

Mrs. N. P. Hallowell.

Physicians.

Dr. C. V. Bemis, Dr. F. Winsor.

Matron.

Miss Susan B. Hoag.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Committee on Admission.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provisions of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Applications for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock, P. M.

Boston and Providence Railroad.

Trains Leave Boston,—

A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6.45	9.30	1.15	4.05	5.55	8.00
6.55	10.10	2.10	4.45	6.10	9.15
7.05	11.35	2.20	5.05	6.25	10.00
7.35	12.10	2.40	5.25	6.35	10.35
9.00	12.30	3.15	5.40	7.35	11.15

Leave Boylston Street,—

A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6.26	7.48	10.58	2.17	4.44	7.08
6.37	8.22	11.52	2.36	4.57	7.30
7.02	8.51	12.52	3.17	5.19	8.08
7.21	9.27	1.35	4.02	6.04	8.52
7.35	10.21	1.49	4.19	6.56	9.20
					10.36

Horse Cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

VISITORS, 1884–'85.

April, ...	Mrs. Charles L. Peirson.	Miss P. G. Adam.
May, ...	Miss C. L. Ware.	Mrs. John Lowell.
June, ...	Mrs. F. W. G. May.	Mrs. W. C. Williamson.
July, ...	Miss A. H. Thwing.	
August, ...	Mrs. J. J. Dixwell.	
September, . . .	Miss M. A. Revere.	
October, ...	Mrs. C. B. Cumings.	Mrs. E. Motley.
November, ...	Miss A. C. Lowell.	Mrs. John Bartlett.
December, ...	Mrs. F. Brooks.	Mrs. W. C. Williamson.
January, ...	Mrs. D. S. Greenough.	Mrs. J. B. Case.
February, ...	Mrs. G. H. Shaw.	Mrs. J. Lowell.
March, ...	Miss A. P. Cary.	Miss E. B. Rogers.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum offers for the seventeenth year a report of its work.

A year ago the Asylum had under its care,	125	
To which have been added,	81	
		206
Died,	22	
Adopted,	18	
Discharged,*	59	
		99
At present it has		107
At Main Asylum, Jamaica Plain,	24	
At Branch Asylum, Medford,	9	
At Board from Main Asylum,	51	
At Board from Branch Asylum,	23	
		107

The very young children who require public aid are of two classes,— foundlings and deserted children, whose claims are recognized by the State or by cities and towns; and those children whose mothers are obliged to work for their support.

Of the first-named class, the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, recognizing the success of the methods of the Asylum, place a certain number of children under its care every year, paying for each child according to the length of time it remains there, at a stipulated rate, from a general appropriation made annually by the Legislature.

*Returned to relatives, 35; returned to State authorities, 9; sent to Charitable Institutions, 8; otherwise disposed of, 7.

For the last-named class private charity is asked, as the small sums the parents can pay are not sufficient for the maintenance of their children.

It is in the creed of modern charity to treat the poverty-stricken as individuals; and in no way can this be so well done for children as by boarding them in the families of worthy people. The Committee on Boarding have had their usual success in finding good homes in the country. Here the children take their places as welcome members of well-ordered households, and, at a reasonable rate of board, receive the care which their helplessness, and in many cases their feeble health, demands. Country air, country fare, and above all, the "mothering" they get, make more satisfactory children out of these unlucky babies than any one would believe who knew only the untoward circumstances that have thrown them on the mercy of the charitable public.

147 children have this year been put at board in carefully selected homes, and have been faithfully visited under the supervision of the Committee. This is a most important, though arduous, part of the work; but satisfactory, inasmuch as its results are within sight. Whatever befalls the baby after it leaves the Asylum, it has had at least one comfortable episode.

Our thanks are due to all the physicians who have had charge of the children at board. Many of these gentlemen have served the Asylum gratuitously, while others have made large deductions from their accounts.

The duties of the Committee on Adoption and Discharge are also exacting. They have, however, the satisfaction of giving back to many parents a child grown healthy in its

country home, fit to live and thrive under conditions which would have been fatal in its first infancy. They also discharge a good number of children with their mothers, who have served as nurses in one of the two asylums. These women are taught to take good care of their children; and they have the advantage of a quiet, protected life, good food, and all they most need after the hardships which have obliged them to take the situation.

In this direction much good work is done; and subscribers may be glad to know of this as one of the many benefits they are conferring when they give their money to this Asylum.

Those children who, having fallen under the charge of the State and city agents, are unclaimed by their parents, are for the most part adopted into families carefully chosen by the Committee. Those who, by reason of delicate health or other defect, do not find good homes, are placed in suitable institutions, are cared for by private charity, or are provided for by order of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.

The Clothing Committee has continued to busy itself with its useful work. It has the usual report to make, of garments furnished to the children and nurses, and of help given by kind friends. The Committee would be much aided by the assistance of one or two vigorous Sewing Societies, to take the place of others that formerly helped us.

Miss Clapp, the Matron of the Asylum, has been obliged to leave her duties for the benefit of her health. As she has borne the responsibility of the conduct of the Main Asylum with so much ability for fifteen years, it has been a matter of anxiety to the Directors to have the work well done under

new hands. Thanks, however, to the experience and good service of the Assistant Matron, Miss Stockman, and to Mrs. Litchfield, the Matron *pro tem.*, the interests of the Asylum have in no way suffered.

The Medford Branch of the Asylum is a most valued auxiliary. Residents of Medford and the neighboring towns are interested in its support. The running expenses of the house and the board of infants are paid by the Main Asylum, but the Branch defrays its own expenses for clothing. There are always ten or twelve children in the house, and 44 have been boarded in the neighborhood during the year.*

Attention is called to the Report of the Treasurer. The fear, expressed in the last report, that this year's account would show a deficit, has been realized; and the Treasurer has been compelled to meet the deficit by selling securities belonging to the General Fund. It will be seen that the loss amounts to about $2,400. At this rate, the General Fund will disappear in a very few years, there being only $6,300 remaining which is not invested in real estate.

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*Statement of Children cared for by the Medford Branch since the Opening.

Received from September 1st, 1879, to April 1st, 1884 168

Legal adoptions	11	Died at board	5
" " pending	9	Sent to Home for Little Wanderers	1
Returned to parents	18	Sent to Home of Sisters of St. Marguerite	1
Sent to Pine Place Home	3	Passed to private charities	3
Members of families, but not legally adopted	9	Returned to the State	6
Discharged with mothers	48	Returned to town of Andover	2
Returned to Main Asylum	8	Now at board	23
Died at the Home	12	Now at the Home	9
			168

A detailed report of the Managers of the Branch for the past year is published in their Fourth Annual Report. This may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Randall, Medford.

The following table is interesting, as showing the principal facts concerning the first 1,000 infants that have passed through the Asylum. These cases cover the admissions from April, 1868, to June, 1881; but they are grouped, not by years, but by hundreds, in order to show more clearly the progress of our work. Of the 1,000, 523 were males, 477 females. The total number of admissions up to the present time is about 1,300. The 1,000th child was discharged about a year ago. The Asylum moved into its present quarters in January, 1876, just after admitting the 400th child.

	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	VIII	IX.	X.	Totals.
Children sent by State . . .	19	2	6	17	18	25	31	60	47	32	257
" " Asylum Com.	74	79	66	39	49	37	35	10	25	28	442
" of Wet-nurses . . .	7	19	28	44	33	38	34	30	28	40	301
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,000
Foundlings	7	2	6	6	11	7	10	19	24	26	118
Number of months corresponding to each 100 admissions.	18	19	23	32	17	11	14	7	7	10	158
Died	55	45	49	21	26	21	11	20	30	15	293
Adopted	20	23	15	21	20	21	25	20	16	20	199
Sent to Charitable Institutions	6	3	5	7	9	12	7	5	7	8	68
Taken by Parents	19	27	31	51	45	46	54	43	32	51	399
" Public Authorities .	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	11	3	26
Otherwise disposed of . . .	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	15
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,000
Died under three months old .	17	12	11	2	3	8	3	5	9	6	76
Percentage of deaths :—											Av'rge.
State Children	20	2	10	43	39	48	27	75	50	54	37
Committee Children . . .	80	98	84	33	42	43	64	15	37	33	53
Wet-nurse Children . . .	0	0	6	24	19	9	9	10	13	13	10

For the Directors,

ANNE P. CARY.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS.

The general health of the infants in the Asylum has been remarkably good during the year ending April 1, 1884.

In the Main Asylum there have been fewer cases of severe illness than usual. Fortunately we have escaped all epidemic diseases, except that in the Medford Branch one of the babies developed whooping cough, which spread to the other children before its real nature was ascertained. One delicate child died of the cough.

Of 206 children in the Asylum during the year, 22, or 10.7 per cent., have died. Of these, but two have died of Cholera Infantum. Eight deaths have occurred among the children in boarding places; twelve among those in the Main Asylum; two in the Medford Branch.

Causes of Death.

Diseases of Digestive Organs:		
Cholera Infantum	2	
Intestinal Catarrh (with convulsions)	1	
Diseases of Respiratory Organs:		
Pneumonia	1	
Bronchitis (after whooping cough)	1	
Membraneous Croup	1	
Diseases of the Heart	4	
Malformation of the Heart	1	
Diseases of the Brain:		
Meningitis	2	
Chronic Hydrocephalus	1	
General Diseases:		
Marasmus	3	
Asthenia	4	
Rachitis	1	
	—	22

Of the 22 deaths, 14, or 64 per cent., occurred among children who had been in the Asylum less than four months. Four died almost immmediately after admission, viz:—in 16 days, 10 days, 2 days, and 3 days, respectively.

The remaining 8 deaths, or 36 per cent., were among children who had been under our care from 4 to 13 months.

That so large a proportion of babies have died soon after admission is due to causes which were in existence before we received the babies, and which had so enfeebled their constitutions that our utmost care could not save them. If we were to admit to the Asylum those children only who had a fair chance of living, the death-rate would be much smaller.

L. E. Sewall,

For the Physicians.

Dr. EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer, in Account*

1883.			
April 1.	To balance as per last Report		$2,080 09
1884.			
April 1.	To Receipts during the past year, viz:—		
	From Subscriptions	$1,977 50	
	" Sundry Gifts	531 00	
	" State of Massachusetts	15,036 45	
	" Mothers for their children	654 98	
	" Income of Lyman Fund	1,260 00	
	" " Clothing Fund	170 00	
	" " Cabot Fund	40 00	
	" " May Fund	20 00	
	" " Putnam Fund	150 00	
	" " Joy Fund	250 00	
	" " General Fund	478 04	
	Total Current Receipts		20,567 97
	From Sales of U. S. Bond	1,228 75	
	" " A. T. & S. F. Bond	875 00	
			2,103 75
			$24,751 81

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1884.										
April 1.	INVESTMENT AND OTHER ASSETS.									
CORA LYMAN FUND.—	8 Cambridge City Bonds	6	per cent.,	costing				$7,740 00		
	4 Bath	"	"	6	"	"	....	4,115 67		
	9 Worcester	"	"	6	"	"	....	8,368 50		
CLOTHING FUND.—	2 St. Louis	"	"	6	"	"	....	2,003 33		
	1 A. T. & S. F. R.R.	"	5	"	"	....		960 00		
H. CABOT FUND.—	1 " " "	"	5	"	"	....		960 00		
MAY FUND.—	1 U. S. Consol	"	4	"	"	....		593 13		
PUTNAM FUND.—	3 A. T. & S. F. R.R.	"	5	"	"	....		2,887 50		
JOY FUND.—	5 " " "	"	5	"	"	....		4,802 29		
GENERAL FUND.—	3 " " "	"	5	"	"	....		2,882 29		
	25 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R.,				"	....		3,481 25		
HOLLINGSWORTH FUND.—	Suffolk Savings Bank Book							100 00		
										38,893 96
Land as per last Report, costing								$19,968 51		
Buildings " "								22,982 23		
Furniture " "								882 02		
										44,832 76
	Balance of Cash on hand									1,768 88
										$85,495 60

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EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, April 1, 1884.

with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1884.		FOR MEDFORD BRANCH.	FOR MAIN ASYLUM.
April 1.	By amounts paid during the past year, viz :—		
	For Salaries and Wages	$916 51	$2,264 36
	" Milk	311 29	476 22
	" Provisions	770 77	1,782 47
	" Ice, tea and water	45 20	124 59
	" Gas and Fuel	307 25	867 47
	" Drugs and Medical Advice	35 33	60 94
	" Repairs and Furniture	121 03	684 62
	" Stationery, Printing and Advertising	8 05	146 60
	" Express, Telephone and Carriages	19 15	101 70
	" Board of Children	3,580 23	9,275 00
	" Incidentals	67 21	88 60
	" Collecting Subscriptions		22 00
	" Burials	16 50	75 75
	" Rent	400 00	
	" Labor	36 68	
	" Dry Goods and Clothing		377 41
	Total for Main Asylum		16,347 83
	Total for Medford Branch	6,635 20	6,635 20
	Total current Expenses		22,982 93
	Balance on hand as per Cash Book		1,768 88
			$24,751 81

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1884.				
April 1.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.			
	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman		$20,000 00	
	" Trustees of Miss Joy's Estate		5,000 00	
	" Subscription to Building Fund		15,700 42	
	" " Clothing Fund		3,025 00	
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate		1,000 00	
	" Miss Putnam's Estate		3,000 00	
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate		500 00	
	" Mrs. Geo. Hollingsworth		100 00	
				$48,325 42
	General Fund as per last Report	$39,441 39		
	Add profit on Sale of Bonds	143 75		
			$39,585 14	
	Deduct excess of Current Expenses	$22,982 93		
	over Current Receipts	20,567 97	2,414 96	
	Leaving General Fund at present			37,170 18
				$85,495 60

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of Edward S. Philbrick, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1st, 1884, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in his hands as above stated.

BOSTON, March 31, 1884.

ALEX. S. PORTER,
THOMAS PARSONS, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

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"Any person desiring to be a life member may become so by paying fifty dollars or more."—[*Extract from By-Laws.*

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DONATIONS, 1883-'84.

F. Gordon Dexter	$25
Mrs. William H. Forbes	100
Friend	5
George A. Gardner	25
Mrs. Edwin Ginn	10
Mrs. H. Gray	100
Joseph B. Harden	3
Charles C. Jackson	40
Mrs. Charles C. Jackson	20
Kenrick Brothers	5
Miss F. M. Mackay	$25
Miss E. W. Perkins	20
Mrs. P. H. Sears	10
Sunday School Class, King's Chapel, "Easter"	18
Mrs. J. H. Wolcott.	100
X. Y. Z.	25
	$531

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC., 1883-'84.

Baby carriage—Miss S. B. Crufts, 433 Shawmut Ave., Boston.

2 valuable bundles of clothing for the babies—Mrs. G. W. Simmons, Jr., Boston.

12 garments for the nurses—Ladies' Union of the Arlington St. Church.

Baby carriage—Mrs. Thornton K. Ware, Fitchburg, Mass.

56 flannel nightgowns and six flannel sacks—West Parish Sewing Society, through Mrs. Dr. Bartol.

Two new baby carriages—Miss A. C. Lowell.

Baby carriage and bundle of clothing—Mrs. H. L. Higginson.

Clothing for the children—Mrs. George Putnam, Cambridge.

3½ dozen undergarments for nurses —Industrial Society of Old Cambridge, through Miss Mary E. Howe, 2 Garden St., Cambridge.

Baby carriage—Mrs. F. T. Church, 665 Tremont St., Boston.

Baby carriage—Mrs. French, 1487 Washington St., Boston.

5 white dresses, 4 pairs socks, and a patchwork crib spread—Mrs. E. L. Bennett, Park St., Brookline.

A new drugget for the Day-nursery —Mrs. C. L. Peirson.

6 long slips, hand-knit stockings for the babies, a bundle of clothing and shoes for the nurses, and at Christmas a very pretty, substantial and well-filled work box for each nurse and servant, and a turkey for the family, from Mrs. J. B. Case.

Very old oil soap for the babies— A "Friend," through Dr. C. P. Putnam.

1 dozen nightgowns, 1 dozen flannel shirts, 1 dozen pairs knit stockings — Unitarian Charitable Society of Woburn, Mass.; forwarded free of charge by Hart's Woburn Express.

2 dozen bottles Murdock's Liquid Food—Murdock Liquid Food Co.

Box of Horlick's Food—Mrs. Andrew C. Wheelwright, Boston.

Blueberries—Mrs. Cox, West Dedham.

6 pairs knit stockings — Miss Comins, Willow Cottage, Roxbury.

Stockings and other gifts—Unitarian Charitable Society, Weston, Mass.

8 flannel petticoats, 10 calico dresses, 2 sacks, 56 pairs woolen and 22 pairs cotton stockings—Miss Phebe G. Adam.

Baby dresses, petticoats, bands and stockings—Mrs. W. F. Cary, 64 Beacon St.

A double willow baby carriage— Mrs. Thomas Motley, Jr.

12 nightgowns and 12 aprons,— Social Sewing Circle of Canton, Mass., through Miss Maria A. Revere.

Turkeys for Thanksgiving from Miss Anna C. Lowell, Mrs. J. J. Dixwell, and Mrs. F. A. Kennedy.

6 pairs socks and 5 pairs leggings— Miss C. Parsons, Brookline, socks from the Misses Parsons.

Fruit many times and substantial Christmas presents for all the household—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell.

A white dress for each nurse's child, 10 baby blankets, and delicacies several times—Mrs. D. S. Greenough.

Christmas cards—L. Prang & Co., Roxbury.

Christmas presents for all the family—Mrs. John Lowell, Chestnut Hill.

4 knit shirts, 4 pairs stockings, 11 pairs socks, 2 aprons and Christmas presents for the household—Miss C. L. Ware.

6 pairs stockings—Mrs. Edward Motley.

An entire outfit of clothing and several weeks' board for two year old child—Mrs. N. A. Mullen, Wayland.

Clothing for all the boarding children in North Easton — Mrs. Fred. L. Ames.

Gifts of clothing to the children from many persons having them to board.

Material—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell.

Garments—Mrs. G. H. Shaw.

1 doz. gray flannel nightgowns; 1 doz. long white dresses, and other garments, from First Parish Church, Dorchester.

Work—the Jamaica Plain Employment Society, the Canton Sewing Circle, Mrs. H. L. Higginson, and Mrs. C. C. Smith.

Miss Marian Russell, $25

From the West Church, $10

Various bundles brought by express without name—all useful, and all thankfully received.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ACTS OF 1883, CHAPTER 232.

AN ACT RELATING TO INDIGENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Section twenty-one of chapter eighty-four of the Public Statutes is amended by inserting after the word "Asylum," in the fourth line, the words "or St. Mary's Infant Asylum."

SECT. 2. Section forty-four of chapter eighty-six of the Public Statutes is amended by inserting after word "charter," in the third line, the following words, "or to the St. Mary's Infant Asylum, agreeably to the provisions of its charter."

SECT. 3. The provisions of section forty-six of chapter eighty-six of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, shall apply to the St. Mary's Infant Asylum, but overseers of the poor shall commit any indigent or neglected infants having no known settlement in this Commonwealth to the custody of the state board of health, lunacy and charity, which board shall provide for said infants in either of said asylums, or in a family or other suitable place, as they may judge to be best for the interest of each child.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 9, 1883.

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Attending.

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Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlboro' Street.

Assistant Attending.

Dr. George K. Sabine, Brookline.
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Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlboro' Street.

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July	Miss Thwing.	
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September	Miss Revere.	Mrs. Weld.
October	Mrs. Cumings.	Mrs. Motley.
November	Mrs. Wells.	Mrs. Bartlett.
December	Mrs. Williamson.	Miss Emmons.
January	Mrs. Greenough.	Mrs. Case.
February	Mrs. Shaw.	Mrs. Higginson.
March	Miss Cary.	Miss Rogers.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Committee on Admission.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provisions of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock, P. M.

Boston and Providence Railroad.

Trains Leave Boston,—

A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6.45	10.10	1.15	4.30	6.10	8.00
6.55	10.40	2.10	4.50	6.25	9.15
7.05	11.35	2.20	5.05	6.35	10.00
7.35	12.10	2.40	5.25	7.00	10.35
9.00	12.30	3.15	5.40	7.35	11.15
9.30		4.05	5.55		

Leave Boylston Street,—

A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6.21	8.22	11.52	2.17	4.57	7.30
6.32	8.51	12.12	2.36	5.19	8.08
7:02	9.27	12.52	3.17	6.04	8.52
7.21	10.21	1.35	3.42	6.26	9.20
7.35	10.58	1.49	4.19	6.56	10.36
7.48			4.44	7.08	

Horse Cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors respectfully present their eighteenth annual report.

A year ago the Asylum had under its care .	107	
To which have been added	121*	
		228
Died or left the Asylum		128†
At present in the Asylum		100
At Main Asylum, Jamaica Plain . . .	19	
At Branch Asylum, Medford . . .	14	
At Board from Main Asylum . . .	41	
At Board from Branch Asylum . . .	26	
		100

* State children, 52; Nurses' children, 48; Committee children, 21.

109 applications were made to the Committee. Of these
- 2 died before admission.
- 13 were withdrawn, other arrangements being made.
- 5 were refused, on account of bad character of applicant.
- 10 " applied for adoption only.
- 16 " relatives could support the child.
- 2 " over 9 months old.
- 38 " for want of room.

86

21 were accepted.

2 came with their mothers, wet-nurses.

109

† The following table shows in detail the sources from which the Asylum has received its children, and the disposition it has made of them.

	Died.	Adopted.	Returned to Relatives.	Sent to Charitable Institut'ns.	Returned to State.	Returned to City of Boston.	Totals.
State Children .	18	25	1	9	4		57
Committee . .	5	2	14	4		1	26
Wet-nurse . .	4		41				45
Totals . .	27	27	56	13	4	1	128

The first object of the Asylum is to save infant life; and those who are not familiar with the mortality among very young children may not be aware to what an extent this institution has succeeded in doing this. It is well known to physicians that the first nine months are by far the most dangerous period of a child's life, and that by the age of two years the critical time is past. It is precisely during this critical period that the Asylum undertakes to support its children; it receives no child more than nine months old, and keeps none beyond the age of two years. Yet the rate of mortality among these children is extremely low. In the nine years that we have been in our present quarters, we have taken care of over a thousand children. Of these less than two hundred have died,—about 19 per cent.; while the annual death rate, obtained by comparing the number of deaths with the number of children cared for during the year, has ranged from 16 down to 7, averaging only 11 per cent. And many of these deaths are of children who are in a very feeble, almost a moribund, state when received. The death rate at all those institutions which have not adopted our system of taking care of children is much greater than this.

Such a record at the Asylum is no less surprising than it is satisfactory, and it is mainly due to the excellence of our system. This system is twofold: the most healthy children are put out to board in country homes, where they are well cared for and breathe fresh, pure air; while the more delicate infants are kept at nurse in the houses of the Asylum under the immediate care of the matron and of the attending physicians.

The children received by the Asylum are of two classes: those who have been deserted by their parents, and those who have not. In the second class of cases the Asylum tries to prevent the parents from abandoning their children, not only for the sake of the child, but also because a mother who

has not abandoned her child by the time it is two years old becomes attached to it and will cling to it afterwards, and the care of the child in such a case has a very great influence over the mother for good. In fact the influence which the Asylum attempts to exert over all the women who come in contact with it is no unimportant part of its work.

The children who have been deserted by their parents present a very different problem. It seems to be generally agreed among persons familiar with charities that the old plan of massing these children together in institutions is a bad one. Hereditary diseases and vices are much less likely to develop if the children are placed separately in good country houses; and if this policy is to be pursued, it is clearly important that the persons who take the children should adopt them, and bring them up and care for them as their own children. The Asylum, therefore, after bringing these destitute children through the dangerous period of infant life, tries to give them for adoption to people in whose houses they will be well educated and tenderly cared for, and will have every chance of throwing off the evil tendencies which they may inherit. The results of this policy appear to more than justify our hopes; for although the Asylum has not been in existence long enough to draw any exact conclusions as to the effect of these adoptions, yet the few adopted children who have already passed childhood are very promising, and appear to show no trace of an unfortunate inheritance.

The Asylum has received a severe blow to its finances during the year. The early patrons of the institution may remember that one of the motives for founding it was the terrible mortality among the infants in the State almshouse at Tewksbury. The Asylum, in fact, has always been in the habit of receiving children whom the State would have been obliged to support in whole or in part. In its early years the Asylum was indemnified by the State for the sup-

port of all such children. A few years ago, however, an arrangement was made with the State authorities by which the latter were entitled to keep at the Asylum seventy-five State wards, paying for their support at the rate of four dollars per week. This arrangement had the great advantage of being definite; but it must not be supposed that the payments made under it represent the full benefit which the Asylum confers on the public; for of the children received by the Asylum from private sources almost all would otherwise become wholly or in part a public charge. The nurses, also, at the Asylum, and their children, are taken from among persons who cannot support themselves and who come to the Asylum to avoid going to the almshouse; by supporting these the Asylum again intercepts a burden that would otherwise be borne by the public. Within the last few years, however, the State has adopted from the Asylum the system of boarding out children; and this has proved so successful in saving life that the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity has determined to reduce the number of State wards in the charge of the Asylum from seventy-five to fifty. This will diminish the income of the Asylum by nearly $5,000; but it will not diminish the expenses in at all a corresponding degree; for the salaries, the expense of running and heating the buildings, and some other charges, depend but little upon the number of children in the care of the Asylum. By looking at the report of the treasurer it will be seen that, even with the support of seventy-five children paid for by the State, the Asylum was unable to meet its expenses; and now that its resources have been crippled by the loss of a part of the State funds, it will be necessary for the Directors, trusting that their work in the past has won approval and that their hopes for the future will meet with sympathy, to ask the public for aid on a larger scale than they have done since the Asylum was founded. And if the Asylum receives money enough from private gifts,

it can readily fill the places of the twenty-five State infants, and provide for as many children as heretofore; for there is no lack of applications to admit children who would gladly be received if the Asylum had the means of supporting them.

It is with great regret that the Directors have decided to close the house at Medford. This action is taken solely as a measure of economy; what is saved in this way will go far towards making up the deficit caused every year by the necessary expense of carrying on the Main Asylum. The house at Medford, therefore, will be closed this Spring; but the work outside of the house, in the care of children at board in Medford and Winchester, will go on, very much as at present, in the same able hands which have carried on the work so successfully and economically during the past six years.

Within the last few weeks Miss Clapp, who has served the Asylum as matron so long and so faithfully, has felt compelled by her health to resign. The feelings which her loss has caused the Directors cannot be expressed better than in the vote which they passed when her resignation was announced:

"In accepting Miss Clapp's resignation, we, the Directors of the Asylum, wish to express our most heartfelt appreciation of her long and valuable services. For the tender care of all that has been entrusted to her, for her loving kindness and motherly devotion to the little ones that have found a home with us, we cannot adequately express our gratitude."

Our system, however, has been so thoroughly developed by Miss Clapp's efforts that the running of the Asylum can not now be hindered or impaired by her departure.

The Asylum has also lost Miss Hinckley in the course of the year, and she has earned the regrets as well as the gratitude of the Asylum. Miss Stockman, the second matron, and Miss Bullard, who has recently come to replace Miss Hinckley, have also won the thanks of the Directors for their care and devotion.

The Directors desire to enlist the sympathies of Church Societies and Sewing Circles in the following appeal from the Committee on Clothing:—

"We are in constant need of garments for children under two years of age; hand knit socks and stockings are particularly acceptable; we need garments for the nurses as well as the children, for the nurses often come to us really suffering for lack of clothes. We have a use always for old linen and cotton. We can only afford to supply the children with what is strictly necessary; but we are always glad to have any pretty articles of dress or simple ornament to make the little things attractive, especially if they are at boarding places where the foster mother takes a pride in their appearance."

Appended are the reports of the Physicians and the Treasurer. By the report of the Treasurer it will be seen that the receipts for the year fell about $3,000 below the expenses; and that, in spite of the generous assistance of the subscribers to the Guarantee Fund (see page 20), and of other friends, the General Fund available for current expenses, after paying a loan of $3,000, will be reduced to about $5,400. Annual subscriptions have fallen off from various causes nearly $200; while only two new subscribers have been obtained during the year.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS.

The general health of the Asylum has been good during the past year. The only epidemic which has occurred in the Home was of chicken pox. This was not, of course, the direct cause of any deaths; but it yet left some of the babies in a delicate state, and unquestionably increased the mortality from other causes somewhat, because in order to clear the house of the disease so as to take in new children, we had to put out to board some of those that we should otherwise have kept in the Home.

Twenty-seven, or 11.84 per cent. of all the children died. Of these deaths

Thirteen, or about one-half, were due to general lack of vitality, (though appearing under various names, as exhaustion, marasmus, debility, etc.)

Five were the result of acute diseases, of these only two of cholera infantum.

Three occurred in pneumonia.

Three came from diseases of the brain, and another from unexplained convulsions, at the age of twelve days.

One was caused by peritonitis.

One was directly the result of syphilis, and two or more classed under other heads very likely originated in this disease.

Nine died in the Home at Jamaica Plain, six in that at West Medford, and twelve at board.

This mortality does not differ much from the usual mortality for several years, and is remarkably low in view of the fact that a large proportion of the children come in very poor health, and some of them have previously been drugged. Foundlings often lie exposed a good while before they are found, and sometimes have evidently suffered from the cold in winter. Babies that have been abandoned by their mothers at bad boarding places in the larger cities are often emaciated from poor food and neglect.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM,
For the Physicians.

Dr. EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer, in Account*

1884.			
April 1.	To balance as per last Report		$1,768 88
1885.			
April 1.	To Receipts during the past year, viz:		
	From Annual Subscriptions	$1,789 50	
	" Sundry Gifts	536 00	
	" State of Massachusetts	12,506 34	
	" Mothers, for their children	692 89	
	" Income of Lyman Fund	1,260 00	
	" " Clothing Fund	170 00	
	" " Cabot Fund	50 00	
	" " May Fund	20 00	
	" " Putnam Fund	150 00	
	" " Joy Fund	250 00	
	" " General Fund	578 25	
	Total current Receipts		18,002 98
	From Loans	3,000 00	
	From Unknown Friend, Special Fund	1,000 00	
	From Subscribers to Guarantee Fund, to cover deficit in 1883-4	2,365 00	
			6,365 00
			$26,136 86

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1885.									
April 1.	INVESTMENT AND OTHER ASSETS.								
CORA LYMAN FUND.—8 Cambridge City Bonds			6	per cent.,	costing	..	$7,740 00		
	4 Bath, Me.	"	"	6	"	"	..	4,115 67	
	9 Worcester	"	"	6	"	"	..	8,368 50	
									20,224 17
CLOTHING FUND—2 St. Louis		"	"	6	"	"	..	2,003 33	
	1 Atch. & Top.		"	5	"	"	..	960 00	
									2,963 33
H. CABOT FUND.—1	"		"	5	"	"	..		960 00
MAY FUND.—	1 U. S. Consol.		"	4	"	"	..		593 13
PUTNAM FUND.—	3 A. & T. R.R.		"	5	"	"	..		2,887 50
JOY FUND—	5 "	"	"	5	"	"	..		4,802 29
"UNKNOWN FRIEND" FUND.—1 A. & T. R.R.				5	"	"	..	877 58	
	1 Share C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock				"		..	114 25	
									991 83
*GENERAL FUND.—42 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock					"		..	5,516 12	
	3 A. & T. R.R. Bonds,			5	per cent.,	"	..	2,882 29	
									8,398 41
HOLLINGSWORTH FUND—Suffolk Savings Bank Book									100 00
Land as per last Report, cost								19,968 51	
Building " "								23,982 23	
Furniture " "								882 02	
									44,832 76
Cash									1,966 52
									$88,719 94

*The only fund of which the principal may be used.

with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1885.		MEDFORD BRANCH.	MAIN ASYLUM.
April 1.	By amounts paid during past year, viz :—		
	For Salaries and Wages	933 25	2,384 39
	" Milk	277 48	536 19
	" Provisions	648 40	1,594 68
	" Ice, tea and water	42 70	145 68
	" Clothing		391 83
	" Fuel and light	288 05	828 24
	" Drugs and Medicine	41 14	60 78
	" Repairs and Furniture	63 94	255 00
	" Stationery, Printing and Advertising	4 70	111 06
	" Express, Telephone and Carriages	30 80	133 90
	" Board Bills	3,654 89	8,018 17
	" Incidentals	68 87	85 90
	" Burials	30 50	40 00
	" Rent	400 00	
	" Interest on Loans		73 70
	Total for Main Asylum		14,658 92
	Total for Medford Branch	6,484 72	6,484 72
	Total current Expenses		$21,143 64
	Investment of " Unknown Friend " Fund	991 83	
	" Guarantee Fund	2,034 87	
			3,026 70
	Total Disbursements		24,170 34
	Balance on hand		1,966 52
			$26,136 86

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1885.			
April 1.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.		
	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman	$20,000 00	
	" Trustees of Estate of Miss Joy	5,000 00	
	" Subscribers to Building Fund	15,700 42	
	" " Clothing Fund	3,025 00	
	" Estate of Mrs. Samuel Cabot	1,000 00	
	" Estate of Mrs. Geo. Hollingsworth	100 00	
	" Estate of Miss Putnam	3,000 00	
	" Estate of Mrs. Samuel May	500 00	
	" Unknown Friend, for Permanent Fund	1,000 00	
			$49,325 42
	General Fund, including Real Estate, as per last Report	$37,170 18	
	Add Subscriptions to Guarantee Fund	2,365 00	
		$39,535 18	
	Deduct Deficit for 1884–85, being total Current Expenses	$21,143 64	
	less Current Receipts	18,002 98	3,140 66
	General Fund at present		36,394 52
	From Loans		3,000 00
			$88,719 94

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of Edw. S. Philbrick, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1st, 1885, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in his hands as above stated.

BOSTON, April 9th, 1885. THOMAS PARSONS, ALEX. S. PORTER, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

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Mrs. Sidney Bartlett	10 00	Mrs. Geo. J. Fiske	5 00
Mrs. A. D. Berry	3 00	Mrs. A. Flagg	10 00
Dr. G. A. Bethune	10 00	Henry W. Foote	3 00
Mrs. E. B. Bigelow	5 00	Miss French	3 00
Mrs. Horatio Bigelow	5 00	George A. Goddard	10 00
Robert C. Billings	10 00	Miss Julia Goddard	5 00
Mrs. Geo. B. Blake	10 00	Miss Matilda Goddard	3 00
Mrs. W. Blanchard	3 00	Miss E. C. Gray	10 00
E. D. Boit, Jr.	10 00	*Mrs. F. H. Gray	5 00
Mrs. G. W. Bond	5 00	Mrs. Charles M. Green	5 00
J. I. Bowditch	10 00	Mrs. R. C. Greenleaf	5 00
C. P. Bowditch	5 00	Mrs. D. S. Greenough	10 00
C. F. Bradford	3 00	Mrs. Thomas Groom	3 00
Charles Brewer	5 00	Mrs. E. W. Gurney	10 00
Martin Brimmer	25 00	Mrs. T. B. Hall	3 00
Mrs. Francis Brooks	10 00	Mrs. Joseph B. Harden	2 00
Miss Bruen	5 00	Miss T. K. Harris	1 00
Mrs. Henry Bryant	5 00	Mrs. William Harris	1 00
Mrs. W. S. Bullard	10 00	James T. Hayward	3 00
Mrs. J. A. Burnham	5 00	Mrs. James W. Hayward	3 00
Mrs. S. W. Bush	2 00	Miss Lizzie D. Henchman	3 00
*Dr. Samuel Cabot	20 00	Mrs. H. L. Higginson	30 00
*Mrs. S. Cabot	10 00	Mrs. Waldo Higginson	5 00
Mrs. J. Elliot Cabot	5 00	Mrs. S. P. Holbrook	5 00
Mrs. George P. Carter	5 00	Daniel C. Holder	3 00
Miss A. P. Cary	25 00	Mrs. O. W. Holmes	10 00
Miss Ellen G. Cary	10 00	Charles D. Homans	2 00
Miss S. E. Cary	5 00	Mrs. John Homans	5 00
Mrs. W. F. Cary	25 00	E. W. Hooper	50 00
J. B. Case	3 00	*Mrs. S. Hooper	20 00
Mrs. J. B. Case	3 00	Mrs. Geo. D. Howe	10 00
Mrs. J. F. Clarke	10 00	Mrs. Sibyl M. Hunt	5 00
Miss L. F. Clarke	5 00	Mrs. W. V. Hutchings	5 00
Mrs. W. R. Clarke	3 00	Edward Jackson	5 00
Mrs. James M. Codman	5 00	Mrs. Samuel Johnson	5 00
Mrs. Algernon Coolidge	10 00	Mrs. F. A. Kennedy	20 00
Mrs. Charles B. Cumings	3 00	Mrs. D. P. Kimball	5 00

*Deceased.

Miss A. L. King	$4 00
Miss S. Frank King	3 00
Mrs. H. T. B. Larkin	2 00
Mrs. Henry Lee	10 00
Mrs. George C. Lee	5 00
Mrs. J. E. Lodge	10 00
Mrs. T. K. Lothrop	10 00
Mrs. Martha P. Lowe	1 00
Miss A. C. Lowell	50 00
Mrs. G. G. Lowell	5 00
Mrs. John Lowell	5 00
Mrs. A. T. Lyman	20 00
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	15 00
Mrs. F. W. G. May	5 00
Mrs. Charles Merriam	5 00
Francis Minot	5 00
Mrs. Geo. R. Minot	10 00
Mrs. Henry Mitchell	3 00
Mrs. J. H. Morison	3 00
Mrs. Henry D. Morse	3 00
Mrs. R. M. Morse, Jr	3 00
Miss E. C. Morse	2 00
Mrs. S. T. Morse	10 00
Mrs. Edward Motley	20 00
Mrs. Bennett H. Nash	5 00
Mrs. M. P. Nichols	3 00
Miss Josephine Nickerson	15 00
Mrs. J. F. Osgood	5 00
Mrs. C. J. Paine	5 00
Mrs. Robert T. Paine	10 00
F. W. Palfrey	5 00
Mrs. F. W. Palfrey	5 00
Mrs. Augustus Parker	2 00
Thomas Parsons	3 00
Mrs. O. W. Peabody	10 00
Charles L. Peirson	10 00
Edward D. Peters	10 00
Mrs. W. D. Pickman	10 00
Mrs. Jacob W. Pierce	5 00
Mrs. S. B. Pierce	3 00
Isaac Pitman	1 00
Mrs. H. V. Poor	3 00
Alex. S. Porter	10 00
Mrs. Alex. S. Porter	5 00
Miss Mary Pratt	5 00
Geo. M. Preston	5 00
Mrs. Geo. H. Preston	2 00
Mrs. George Putnam	5 00
Mrs. Margaret Putnam	5 00
Miss Sarah E. Read	10 00
Mrs. J. Revere	5 00
Miss M. A. Revere	5 00
Mrs. E. E. Rice	5 00
*Mrs. S. B. Rindge	10 00
Mrs. Alfred P. Rockwell	5 00
Mrs. S. W. Rodman	10 00
Miss E. B. Rogers	5 00
William C. Rogers	$15 00
J. S. Ropes	5 00
Henry Saltonstall	25 00
Mrs. Henry Saltonstall	25 00
"Sanders Fund"	10 00
Mrs. Epes Sargent	5 00
Mrs. B. Schlesinger	20 00
Mrs. David Sears	5 00
Mrs. Fred R. Sears	10 00
Mrs. P. H. Sears	10 00
Mrs. G. C. Shattuck	5 00
Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20 00
Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw	25 00
Mrs. N. Silsbee	5 00
Mrs. John Simpkins	5 00
Mrs. C. C. Smith	5 00
Miss L. P. Sohier	5 00
Mrs. Francis P. Sprague	5 00
Mrs. J. L. Stackpole	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Stearns	1 00
Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	5 00
Mrs. R. Stone	5 00
Mrs. F. H. Story	5 00
Richard Sullivan	5 00
Mrs. R. S. Sumner	3 00
Mrs. Sarah H. Swan	2 00
Miss Olivia B. Tappan	10 00
Miss A. G. Thayer	10 00
Miss C. P. Thompson	1 00
Miss A. S. Townsend	3 00
Mrs. T. W. Tuttle	3 00
Mrs. S. F. Tyler	5 00
Mrs. H. C. Wainwright	3 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Wales	5 00
Miss M. A. Wales	5 00
Mrs. A. L. Walker	3 00
Miss A. S. Ware	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Ware	10 00
Miss C. L. Ware	5 00
Miss M. L. Ware	10 00
Mrs. J. C. Warren	5 00
Mrs. S. D. Warren	5 00
Mrs. A. Davis Weld, Jr	3 00
Mrs. F. M. Weld	10 00
George Wheatland, Jr.	5 00
Mrs. Josiah Wheelwright	3 00
Mrs. J. W. Wheelwright	5 00
Mrs. Henry Whitman	5 00
Mrs. J. C. White	3 00
D. W. Williams	5 00
Miss Mary Williams	3 00
Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	10 00
Mrs. George Woodman	3 00
Miss E. F. Wright	10 00
Mrs. B. L. Young	10 00
	$1,801 50

*Deceased.

GUARANTEE FUND.

Early in the year 1882, twenty-eight friends of the Asylum, whose names are given below, signed the following paper, agreeing to give, as a maximum, the amounts set opposite their names :—

"Those who have followed the workings and results of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, must be aware that in the nature of their work the Managers find it impossible to calculate the exact amount of money necessary to carry on that work efficiently and thoroughly. The amount must necessarily fluctuate from time to time.

"The undersigned, in order to meet any deficiency arising from such fluctuation, hereby agree to pay for three years such annual assessment as may be necessary to cover the expenses of each year. *Provided:* That the deficiency is to be equally divided between all parties signing this agreement, and that the sum called for from each shall not exceed one hundred dollars for any one year, (or shall be fixed by the subscriber, if he so prefer to fix it.)

"It is to be understood that the subscribers are only to be called upon when the regular income of the Institution fails to meet the annual expenses."

Mrs. John Q. Adams . . .	$100 00	George A. Gardner	$100 00
Mrs. Louis Agassiz . . .	25 00	F. L. Higginson	100 00
Mrs. F. L. Ames	100 00	George Higginson	200 00
Thomas C. Amory	15 00	Mrs. Henry L. Higginson	100 00
Mrs. William Appleton .	25 00	Miss Anna C. Lowell . .	100 00
*Mrs. Samuel Cabot . . .	100 00	Mrs. John Lowell	100 00
*Dr. Samuel Cabot . . .	50 00	Mrs. A. T. Lyman	50 00
Miss Anne P. Cary . . .	100 00	Mrs. F. W. G. May . . .	25 00
Miss Ellen G. Cary . . .	25 00	Henry S. Russell	100 00
Mrs. Wm. F. Cary . . .	100 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw	100 00
Mrs. James B. Case . . .	100 00	Mrs. Q. A. Shaw	100 00
Mrs. Alexander Cochrane	50 00	L. W. Tappan, Jr.	100 00
Mrs. J. J. Dixwell	100 00	Andrew C. Wheelwright .	100 00
Charles Fairchild	100 00		
"Friend"	100 00		$2,365 00

In consequence of sundry donations given during the year 1882–83, there was no deficiency in the income at the end of that year, and the Fund was not required. In the year 1883–84, from lack of donations and from some increase in expenses, there was a deficiency of about $2,400, which obliged the Managers to call for the full amount of the Guarantee Fund.

*Deceased.

DONATIONS, 1884–'85.

Fair (through Miss Sohier)	$20	Dr. C. P. Putnam (telephone)	$36
Friends, through Clothing Com.	35	Mrs. E. H. Sears	5
Mrs. Edwin Ginn	20	Mrs. F. R. Sears	10
Mrs. Horace Gray	100	Miss L. P. Sohier	5
Miss May Hemenway	100	Mrs. Charles E. Ware	100
A. Lawrence Lowell	25	"X"	50
Mrs. John Lowell	15		
Miss E. W. Perkins	15		$536

"Unknown Friend," Special fund, $1,000.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC., 1884–'85.

One pair socks, two bands—Miss Grace O'Brian.

12 long white dresses; 15 night gowns; 6 white slips; 6 long petticoats; 5 calico dresses; 6 shirts; 12 bands—The Channing Circle of Arlington St. Church, through Mrs. E. L. Sanborn, 286 Commonwealth Avenue.

8 pairs stockings; a check at Christmas for a Christmas present for each member of the family; and an addition of books to the Asylum library — Mrs. J. B. Case.

4 long white dresses; 8 white aprons; chickens for Thanksgiving, crib quilt, baby's dress, 2 cashmere sacks, 2 knit sacks, 6 knit shirts, 3 knit bands, 4 short dresses, 3 calico dresses, 4 hats and 3 pairs of boots—Miss C. L. Ware.

A large box of clothing for children —Mrs. Schlesinger, Brookline.

5 long slips, 6 pairs socks, 2 bibs—Mrs. E. L. Bennett, Brookline.

A grindstone—Mrs. D. S. Greenough.

34 bands, 20 pairs knit stockings, 20 pairs socks — Mrs. C. C. Smith, 286 Marlborough Street, Boston.

1 dozen pairs knit stockings, 1 dozen flannel night gowns, 1 dozen flannel shirts—Unitarian Charitable Society, through Mrs. John P. Clark.

Rent of telephone; 1 box of early vegetables—Dr. C. P. Putnam.

12 calico dresses—Mrs. Abijah Tisdale, North Easton.

12 white aprons—Little girls on Seaver Street and elsewhere, through Mrs. John Ayres.

Bundle of old linen, apples, pears and peaches—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell.

Pears and a bunch of flowers for every nurse in the house—Mrs. Jerome Tyler and Mrs. Stearns, of Brookline, assisted by some little girls.

Pears—Mrs. Greenleaf, cor. Chestnut Avenue and Wyman Street.

Several barrels of apples and several dozen eggs—Mrs. James Clapp, Pomfret Centre, Conn.

Apples and pears—Mrs. Charles Le Roy, Chestnut Avenue, Boylston Station.

13 pairs drawers, 4 dresses for babies — Ladies' Missionary Society, Grace Church, Newton, through Mrs. Moses Clark, Secretary.

A turkey for Thanksgiving—Miss Anna C. Lowell.

A barrel of apples — Mr. Nelson Stone, Phillipston, Mass.

30 articles of clothing—The Employment Society of Trinity Church, through Mrs. G. H. Shaw.

Two turkeys for Christmas—Frank Ganter & Co., Boylston Station.

6 pairs knit stockings for babies—Miss Comins, Willow Cottage, Roxbury.

A bundle of babies dresses, 3 dozen and one—Mrs. Martin Brimmer, 47 Beacon Street, Boston.

13 night dresses, 23 shirts—St. John's Society, Jamaica Plain.

Two barrels potatoes—Mrs. John Lowell.

6 knit shirts—E. D. Rogers, Roxbury.

Books, magazines and clothing—Mrs. J. Plimpton, 7 Hawthorn Street, Roxbury.

A large bundle of clothing, and shoes for children—Mrs. Winsor, Brookline.

6 short dresses, 25 long dresses, 16 night dresses, 17 shirts, 1 petticoat, 17 long white slips, 7 linen shirts, all for babies—The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Unitarian Church, Jamaica Plain.

4 pairs stockings—Ladies' Sewing Circle, First Parish Church, Weston.

A large bundle of second-hand and useful clothing for the nurses—From some of the ladies of Mount Pleasant Church, Rev. Wm. H. Lyon, pastor, Roxbury.

6 long flannel skirts, 17 flannel night dresses, 10 diapers, 9 pairs stockings, 12 flannel shirts, 5 flannel dressing gowns, 2 worsted carriage robes, 9 bibs, 1 worsted hood, 6 crib blankets—Young girls of St. James' Church, Roxbury, through Mrs. Atherton Brown and Mrs. Stetson.

A box of soft shoes for the babies, from Henry H. Tuttle & Co., through Benj. F. Redfern, 435 Washington Street, Boston.

3 knit worsted sacks—Miss A. S. Everett, Roxbury.

A basket of fresh eggs — Mrs. Howard French, North Easton, Mass.

10 aprons for the nurses—T. M. C. Society, Roxbury.

1 box socks, 1 pair crib blankets, 1 can condensed milk, 1 box of food, 1 bundle of clothes for babies, second-hand clothing, and other valuable and acceptable donations, handed in at the door or sent by express, without name.

BY-LAWS.

Adopted April 6, 1875.

I. The object of the Institution is to assist and provide for deserted and destitute infant children.

In carrying out this object, the true relation of parent and child shall never be lost sight of; and the Directors shall at all times co-operate with the proper authorities in endeavoring to obtain the support of the child from its parents or kindred.

II. Any person shall become a member of the Corporation by paying three dollars annually to its funds; and persons chosen Directors shall also be members. The annual subscription shall date from the first day of April.

Any person desiring to be a life member may become so by paying fifty dollars or more.

III. Any person may have the privilege of a free bed by the payment of two hundred dollars annually.

IV. The government shall consist of not less than twelve, or more than thirty-four Directors, who shall have the entire management of the Institution. They shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting, which shall be held on the second Tuesday in April, and shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring or existing in their number during the year. They shall hold a regular meeting once a month for the transaction of business. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

V. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, who shall also be the Clerk of the Corporation, and a Treasurer, chosen from the Board of Directors.

VI. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice of the annual or special meetings of the Corporation, by advertisement in one or more Boston papers, at least seven days before the time thereof. He shall notify the Directors and Physicians, by letter, of all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, at least three days before

the time of meeting. He shall keep a record of all the meetings and doings of the Directors and of the Corporation, and shall conduct all necessary correspondence, subject to the approval of the Board.

VII. Special meetings of the Board or of the Corporation may be called by order of the President or of any three Directors.

VIII. A report shall be presented by the Directors at the annual meeting of the Corporation.

IX. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Corporation, shall keep its accounts, and exhibit a statement of its affairs at the annual meeting of the Corporation and at each regular meeting of the Directors. All investments shall be made upon consultation with the Finance Committee, and the Treasurer shall at all times hold his books open to their inspection. All cash assets belonging to the Corporation shall be deposited in its name in some bank in Boston, to be approved by the Directors, and shall be drawn therefrom only on checks signed by the Treasurer, who shall pay no bills unless approved in writing by the Chairman of the Committee authorized to contract them. The Directors may appoint an Assistant Treasurer to aid him.

X. The Secretary shall keep a record book in which shall be entered such extracts from all wills devising or bequeathing any property to the Corporation as affect the Institution.

XI. No Director or Committee shall incur any debt or make any contract in behalf of the Corporation except by authority given by vote of the Directors and certified in writing by the Secretary. The Directors shall have no power to make the Corporation liable for any debt beyond the amount of money which shall, at the time of contracting such debt, be in the Treasurer's hands and not needed for the discharge of prior debts or liabilities; nor to mortgage the real or personal estate of the Corporation, without a vote of a majority of the whole number of Directors. Nor shall the Directors have the power to expend a larger sum than $2,000 for any one purpose, unless by a vote of two-thirds of those present, at least twelve Directors attending and voting.

XII. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Corporation by vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided that notice of intention to amend shall have been given at the next preceding meeting of the Board of Directors, or by one week's previous notice in the public papers.

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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1886–'87.

President.

HENRY P. BOWDITCH, Pond Street, Jamaica Plain.

Vice-Presidents.

THOMAS PARSONS, Cottage Street, Brookline.
FRANK WELLS, M. D., 14 Sears' Building, Boston.

Secretary.

CHARLES P. WARE, Walnut Street, Brookline.

Treasurer.

EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, 12 West Street, Boston.

Directors.

Miss Phebe G. Adam	Bishop Street, Jamaica Plain.
Thomas C. Amory	19 Commonwealth Avenue.
Mrs. John C. Bancroft	61 Mount Vernon Street, Boston.
Miss Anne P. Cary	64 Beacon Street, Boston.
Mrs. J. B. Case	120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Tucker Daland	Fisher Avenue, Brookline.
Mrs. J. J. Dixwell	Pond Street, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. Dwight Foster	Greenough Avenue, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. D. S. Greenough	Centre Street. Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. N. P. Hallowell	West Medford.
Mrs. Henry L. Higginson	191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Rev. Henry F. Jenks	Canton.
Mrs. F. A. Kennedy	Cambridge.
Mrs. T. K. Lothrop	25 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Abbott Lawrence Lowell	35 Congress Street, Boston.
Mrs. F. W. G. May	127 State Street, Boston.
Mrs. Edward Motley	22 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Miss Mary R. Parkman	31 Mount Vernon Street, Boston.
Mrs. Charles L. Peirson	191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Alexander S. Porter	27 State Street, Boston.
Miss Maria A. Revere	Canton.
Mrs. G. Howland Shaw	1 Joy Street, Boston.
Miss Annie H. Thwing	Beech Glen Avenue, Roxbury.
Miss C. L. Ware	60 Cedar Street, Roxbury.
Mrs. A. Davis Weld, Jr.	Forest Hills Street, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. George H. Wheeler	373 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Francis H. Williams, M. D.	100 Boylston Street, Boston.
Mrs. W. C. Williamson	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.

Assistant Treasurer.

CHARLES P. WARE, Walnut Street, Brookline.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Admission.

Miss Cary.
Mr. Daland.
Mrs. Motley.
Miss Thwing.

Boarding.

Miss Ware.
Mrs. Case.
Mrs. May.
Mrs. Wheeler.
Mrs. Williamson.

House.

Dr. Wells.
Mrs. Foster.
Mrs. Greenough.
Mr. Lowell.
Mrs. Weld.

Adoption and Discharge.

Dr. Wells.
Mrs. Kennedy.
Mr. Lowell.
Miss Revere.
Mrs. Shaw.

Business with City and State.

Mr. Amory.
Mr. Jenks.
Mr. Parsons.
Dr. Wells.

Clothing.

Mrs. Peirson.
Mrs. Dixwell.
Mrs. Greenough.
Mrs. Kennedy.
Miss Thwing.

Finance.

Mr. Philbrick.
Mr. Parsons.

Auditors.

Mr. Parsons.
Mr. Porter.

Matron.

Miss Mary E. Bullard.

Assistant Matron.

Miss M. E. Stockman.

Physicians.

Attending.

Dr. Lucy E. Sewall, 151 Boylston Street.
Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlboro' Street.

Assistant Attending.

Dr. George K. Sabine, Brookline.
Dr. Emma L. Call, 151 Boylston Street.

Consulting.

Dr. Zakrzewska, 139 Cedar Street, Roxbury.
Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlboro' Street.

VISITORS.

April	Miss Adam.	Mrs. Weld.
May	Mrs. Kennedy.	Mrs. Williamson.
June	Mrs. May.	Miss Parkman.
July	Miss Thwing.	
August	Mrs. Dixwell.	Mrs. Kennedy.
September	Miss Revere.	Mrs. Weld.
October	Mrs. Peirson.	Mrs. Motley.
November	Miss Ware.	Mrs. Bancroft.
December	Mrs. Williamson.	Mrs. Wheeler.
January	Mrs. Greenough.	Mrs. Case.
February	Mrs. Shaw.	Mrs. Higginson.
March	Miss Cary.	Mrs. Foster.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Committee on Admission.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provisions of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock, P. M.

Boston and Providence Railroad.

Trains Leave Boston,—

A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6.45	10.10	1.15	4.30	6.10	8.00
6.55	10.40	2.10	4.50	6.25	9.15
7.05	11.35	2.20	5.05	6.35	10.00
7.35	12.10	2.40	5.25	7.00	10.35
9.00	12.30	3.15	5.40	7.35	11.15
9.30		4.05	5.55		

Leave Boylston Street,—

A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6.21	8.22	11.52	2.17	4.57	7.30
6.32	8.51	12.12	2.36	5.17	8.08
7.02	9.27	12.52	3.17	6.04	8.52
7.21	10.21	1.35	3.42	6.26	9.20
7.35	10.58	1.49	4.19	6.56	10.36
7.48			4.44	7.11	

Horse Cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum present their nineteenth annual report.

A year ago, April 1, 1885, the Asylum had under its care	100	
To which have been added	89*	
		189
Died or left the Asylum		102
In the Asylum, April 1, 1886 . . .		87
At Main Asylum, Jamaica Plain . . .	21	
At Board	66	
		87

The year opened with some very serious changes to our institution.

The death of Dr. Cabot, our President, the resignation of Miss Lowell, a Director from the very first, and the resignation of Miss Clapp, its Matron from the beginning, took from the Asylum three of those most intimately connected with all its work from its very foundation, to whose wise counsels and unflagging devotion to all the best interests of the Asylum much of its success has been due.

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* State children, 33; Nurses' children, 27; Committee children, 29.

166 applications were made to the Committee. Of these 129 were rejected.

1	was too ill.	
1	died before admission.	
14	were withdrawn, after arrangements had been made.	
23	were refused, on account of bad character of applicant.	
15	"	applied for adoption only.
14	"	relatives could support the child.
5	"	over 9 months old.
56	"	for want of room.
129		
29	were accepted.	
8	came with their mothers, wet-nurses.	
166		

The decision of the State to reduce the number of children it would send us from seventy-five to fifty, thereby making a serious reduction in our income, obliged us to close the Medford Home, and to give up our third Matron; both important changes, which were made by us with much regret.

Col. Henry S. Russell was chosen by the Directors to succeed Dr. Cabot, as President. He entered upon his duties in June; but, finding that he could not give to them the time that they needed, he sent in his resignation in December. In January, Dr. Henry P. Bowditch was elected in his place.

Miss Bullard, who had for some months filled the place of third Matron, was elected matron in Miss Clapp's place, and entered upon her duties at the end of April. These duties have been very efficiently performed, and the running of the Asylum has, under her and Miss Stockman's able administration, gone on without a break in its usual method and order.

At the beginning of the year we had 100 children under our care; since then 89 have been admitted. Of these 189 children, 21 have died, 19 have been adopted, 2 are boarded out by private charity, pending adoption, 2 have been sent to the Temporary Home, 58 have been discharged (of these 58, 45 were taken by their mothers at various ages, and 13 were taken by parents and other relatives, or were discharged with their mothers, who proved incompetent nurses); 102 discharged in all, leaving 87 now in charge of the Asylum, of whom 66 are at board.

We have had two legacies this year, one of $3,000, from the Valeria G. Stone estate; and quite lately another of nearly $1,400, from Miss Lavinia Thornton. The subscribers to the Guarantee Fund have once again come to our assistance with a timely gift of over $2,200.

Our methods continue the same. Only a small proportion

of the whole number under our care can be kept in the Asylum at one time; twenty-two is our average number, twenty-five is our limit; and it is only in case of an unusual pressure of some sort that this number is ever exceeded. It follows, therefore, that all the rest are boarded out. In the earlier years of our experience, we boarded our children, mostly, within a few miles, and in easy reach of the Asylum. But, gradually, experience has become knowledge, and proves to us that the children thrive better to be removed farther into the country; and now we have very few boarded nearer than Dedham, Weston, Canton, Medford, and their neighboring towns; while in the northern part of Franklin County, at Warwick and the adjacent towns, we have quite a number at board, and with excellent success. Of the twenty-two children who have already been boarded in this distant neighborhood, only one has died, while nearly all have found, or are to find, permanent homes by legal adoption, either in the families that have boarded them, or in those of neighbors.

It is to the gradual increase of our boarding-out system, that very much of our increased success in finding homes for our children by legal adoption is due. A baby is sent to a distant country home. At once it becomes the child of the family, the centre of attraction, loved and petted by all; till, at the end of its two years, it cannot be parted with; or, if the circumstances of the family make this impossible, some neighbor has also fallen in love with the child, and is ready to take it for his own. Such instances are numerous, and no better homes than these can be found for our destitute little ones. Here they receive a good, plain education, and are brought up to work and to lead honest, law-abiding lives.

An instance, not an unusual one, of the way our system works, may not be uninteresting. A foundling of a month old, from one of our large railroad stations, was sent to us

by the State, thin and delicate. We sent him into the country to be boarded, and he throve finely under the excellent care he received. The family became very fond of him and wished to adopt him; but, as they were about to move out to Kansas to take up a government claim, they reluctantly decided that it was too much to undertake, and that they must give him up. A friend in a neighboring town took him to keep a few days, till another home could be found. The child was wretched, and could not be consoled. "Go home, go home," was all his cry. The family were equally homesick for the little fellow, and on the second day the man came with all speed to take him back again; and as he grasped the baby in his arms, he promised him, over and over, with tears of joy, that "papa never would let his little boy go away again." It was a very happy family that started a few weeks later for Kansas, where we will hope that a prosperous career awaits the little foundling and his adopted parents.

It has more than once occurred at the Asylum that a child of two years old has been brought back, from like prudential motives, and early the next day the man, or woman, or both, have driven down to take the baby home again for their own; one night without him was as much as they could endure.

But even if not adopted where they are boarded, the loving care that is taken of them through these two years of infancy makes them healthy and attractive; and many are adopted, in consequence, into homes of a different character, where their social advantages and opportunities for a higher education will be greater. Up to 1878 we had given for adoption one hundred children; since then one hundred and seventy have been adopted; in all, two hundred and seventy children, who have been gradually absorbed into homes,—rescued from the heritage of pauperism, to which they had been born, or had been left by desertion,—so many lives saved from the probable career of vagrancy and crime, to

which the pauper child is inevitably exposed. Pauper children are seldom adopted into good families; their childhood is passed in state institutions, from which they are taken for service, not for love; and even if not ill-used, they belong to no one, and can have none of the softening influences of home ties to call out all that is best in their natures, and to correct or keep from development the unfortunate tendencies they may inherit.

The adopted children of good homes grow up without any knowledge of their sad inheritance; freed from the depressing influence of this consciousness, they are educated, and go forth into life on an equal footing with the more fortunately born and constituted.

In view of this part of our work, we feel that we may fairly claim that it is something more than a work of mere humanity or sentiment; that it is a valuable contribution towards solving the difficult problem of pauperism, with which society is at present so deeply engaged and interested. We, beginning at the very foundation, take these children out of the rank of pauperism, and place them, from the very first, where all that is best in their natures is developed, and the germs of an evil inheritance are eradicated and disappear for the want of the atmosphere which would bring them to their necessary conclusion. It is a work of prevention and redemption, as well as of humanity.

Closely connected with the great good done to the children who must otherwise be paupers, is the hardly less incidental good that comes to the mothers whom we employ as wet-nurses. A large proportion of these are very young girls, who come to us wild and uncontrolled, wholly untrained in any of the requirements of decent living, and quite incompetent to earn a living for themselves or their children. A wonderful change often takes place in them, after being for a few months subject to the decorous rules of the house and the wholesome influences of those in authority

over them. The humanizing and civilizing effect of all this upon them is most marked; they are qualified to take places at service which are often found for them,—sometimes to take their children with them. One such case has lately occurred, and the lady who took the girl and her child writes: "I cannot but think she is the very one I have long been praying for." What can be better for a young girl than to secure the excellent home-influences of such a position? Many such instances can be given, and they are a most gratifying result of our work. These, too, are redeemed from pauperism to a respectable, self-supporting and self-respecting career. Although to redeem these women is not the object of our work, it is an incidental consequence and an important supplement to it, and one which we would gladly have more generally understood and appreciated.

An example of another class helped may be quoted. A woman, deserted by her husband, was left to support her twin babies and an older child. She worked in a factory all day, employing some one to care for her babies; but, as may be supposed, they did not thrive, and she brought them to us very delicate and emaciated. They were sent to board in the country, and soon showed the good effect of the change and of the faithful care they received. The mother paid regularly the sum agreed upon for their board, and laid by enough besides to enable her to take them home again before they were two years old. Unable to meet the expense of going to visit them, she had seen them but once while they were with us; and when the children were sent back to her, plump and rosy, and firm on their own feet, she could hardly believe they were indeed her babies, and her delight and gratitude were very pleasant to see.

Our expenses exceed our income. The timely legacy from the Valeria G. Stone estate has saved the necessity of a further encroachment, at present, upon our funded capital. With additions to this, and a larger annual subscription list,

we need not reduce our work. It would enable us to admit, for ourselves, whatever numbers we may lose from the State. The Home at Medford could be re-opened, and the work thus so admirably organized and carried on could be again assumed by the same competent workers, from whose hands we so reluctantly took it away ten months since. They still give us valuable assistance in the care of our boarded-out children; but to have children enough to warrant the re-opening of their Home again is what both they and we greatly desire. The children are not far to seek; but for the means to take them in we must look to a generous public.

Our thanks are due to the many physicians in the different towns where our children are boarded, for their faithful and skilful care of them, and for the moderation of their charges.

We wish also to thank those women who so kindly and generously fit out their children, when they bring them back to us, with various articles of clothing, sometimes a full suit.

The clothing committee presents its usual report of much work done and given. Clothing for nurses and children, and especially hand-knit socks, are a perennial want; and the aid which sewing societies could give would be most gratefully received.

For the Directors,

Charlotte L. Ware.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS.

The medical history of the Asylum during the past year presents no very marked events.

The general health of the children has been good, and we have been so fortunate as to escape the epidemic sicknesses which are always more or less prevalent in or near a large city.

There have been 21 deaths during the year, a percentage of 11.11. Of these 9 occurred in the Asylum, and 12 among the children at board.

The causes of death will be seen by reference to the accompanying table.

Causes of Death.	Asylum.	Outside.	Total.
Asthenia	1	2	3
Phthisis Pulmonalis	1	0	1
Enteritis Chronicus	1	0	1
Pneumonia	0	1	1
Pleuro-pneumonia	1	0	1
Cholera Infantum	1	4	5
Gastro-enteritis	0	1	1
Peritonitis	1	0	1
Meningitis	2	0	2
Scarlatina	0	1	1
Convulsions	0	1	1
Syphilis	0	1	1
Cause unknown	1	1	2
	9	12	21

It will be observed that the percentage of fatal cases of acute intestinal diseases is somewhat larger than last year, though still very small when we consider the ages and physical condition of the majority of the babies. Only one of these deaths occurred in the Asylum.

We have been fortunate enough during the past inclement winter to escape any considerable amount of pulmonary illness, owing chiefly to the unwearied care of our Matrons in protecting the children from the sudden changes in temperature. The cases which we have had, however, have been of unusual severity. Thus, a child of one of the nurses, by the imprudence of the mother, was exposed to cold, and developed a severe broncho-pneumonia, and for two weeks required the most vigilant attendance day and night.

This child was scarcely out of danger, when a delicate boy was attacked with pleurisy, followed by pneumonia, to which he at last succumbed.

Soon after his illness a severe case of meningitis occurred in a child who had caused much anxiety all winter, on account of symptoms of cerebral irritation.

This unusual number of trying and severe sicknesses has made the work of the Asylum, for the past few months, an anxious and hard one for all concerned in its welfare.

For the Physicians,

Emma L. Call.

Dr. EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer, in Account*

1885.				
April 1.	To balance as per last year's Report			$1,966 52
1886.				
April 1.	To receipts during the past year, viz:			
	From Annual Subscriptions	$1,711 50		
	" Sundry Gifts	1,008 00		
	" State of Massachusetts	10,247 78		
	" Mothers, for board of children	510 58		
	" Income of Lyman Fund	1,200 00		
	" " Clothing Fund	170 00		
	" " Cabot Fund	50 00		
	" " May Fund	20 00		
	" " Putnam Fund	150 00		
	" " Joy Fund	250 00		
	" " General Fund	187 43		
	Total from current receipts			15,565 29
	From Trustees of Valeria G. Stone Estate	3,000 00		
	" Subscribers to Guarantee Fund, to cover deficit in 1884-85	2,215 00		
	" Executors of Lavinia Thornton	1,389 94		
			$6,604 94	
	" Sales of Securities		2,764 19	
				$26,900 94

Dr. *General Property Account.*

1886.				
April 1.	INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS.			
CORA LYMAN FUND.—8 Cambridge City Bonds, 6 per cent., costing		$7,740 00		
	4 Bath " " 6 " " ..	4,115 67		
	9 Worcester " " 6 " " ..	8,368 50		
			$20,224 17	
CLOTHING FUND.—2 St. Louis Bonds	6 " " ..	2,003 33		
	1 A. T. & S. F. R. R. Bonds 5 " " ..	960 00		
			2,963 33	
CABOT FUND.— 1 " " "	5 " " ..		960 00	
MAY FUND.— 1 U. S. Consol Bond	4 " " ..		593 13	
PUTNAM FUND.— 3 A. T. & S. F. R.R. Bonds	5 " " ..		2,887 50	
JOY FUND.— 5 " " "	5 " " ..		4,802 29	
UNKNOWN FRIEND FUND.—1 " Bond,	5 " " ..	877 58		
	1 Share C. B. & Q. R.R. Stock " ..	114 25		
			991 83	
HOLLINGSWORTH FUND.—Suffolk Savings Bank Book			100 00	
*GENERAL FUND.—54 Shares C. B. & Q. R.R. Stock, costing		7,258 04		
	2 A. T. & S. F. R. R. Bonds, 5 per cent., costing.	1,929 79		
			9,187 83	
Land and Buildings, as per last Report		43,950 74		
Furniture, " "		882 02		
			44,832 76	
Cash on hand			1,805 89	
			$89,348 73	

* The only fund of which the principal may be used.

with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1886.		MEDFORD BRANCH.	MAIN ASYLUM.
April 1.	By amount paid during past year, viz:		
	For Salaries and Wages	$245 82	$2,113 42
	" Milk	67 20	521 98
	" Provisions	110 03	1,529 73
	" Ice, tea and water	21 00	135 63
	" Clothing		361 05
	" Fuel and lights	55 50	927 08
	" Drugs and medicines	10 25	39 02
	" Repairs and furniture	17 55	1,178 60
	" Stationery, printing and advertising	1 95	136 81
	" Burials	32 00	37 00
	" Express, carriages and telephone	10 75	112 35
	" Boarding bills	3,183 30	6,885 00
	" Incidentals	20 38	71 25
	" Insurance		225 00
	" Rent, 9 months	299 98	
	Total for Main Asylum		14,273 92
	" for Medford Branch		4,075 71
	" for current expenses		18,349 63
	Loan repaid		3,000 00
	Invested		3,745 42
	By balance cash on hand		1,805 89
			26,900 94

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1886.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.		
April 1.	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman	$20,000 00	
	" Trustees of Miss Joy's Estate	5,000 00	
	" Subscription to Building Fund	15,700 42	
	" " Clothing Fund	3,025 00	
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate	1,000 00	
	" Hollingsworth Gift	100 00	
	" Miss Putnam's Estate	3,000 00	
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate	500 00	
	" Unknown Friend	1,000 00	
			$49,325 42
	General Fund, as per last Report	36,394 52	
	Add Subscriptions to Guarantee Fund	2,215 00	
	Add recent Legacies	4,389 94	
		42,999 46	
	Deduct excess of current expenses..$18,349 63		
	Over current receipts 15,565 29		
		$2,784 34	
	And loss on securities sold	191 81	2,976 15
	Making general fund at present		40,023 31
			89,348 73

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account of Edw. S. Philbrick, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1st, 1886, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property in his hands as above stated.

BOSTON, April 10, 1886.

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Early in the year 1882, twenty-eight friends of the Asylum, whose names are given below, signed the following paper, agreeing to give, as a maximum, the amounts set opposite their names :—

"The undersigned hereby agree to pay for three years such annual assessment as may be necessary to cover the expenses of each year. *Provided:* That the deficiency is to be equally divided between all parties signing this agreement, and that the sum called for from each shall not exceed one hundred dollars for any one year (or shall be fixed by the subscriber, if he so prefer to fix it).

"It is to be understood that the subscribers are only to be called upon when the regular income of the Institution fails to meet the annual expenses."

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Mrs. Wm. F. Cary	100 00	Mrs. G. H. Shaw	100 00
Mrs. James B. Case . . .	100 00	Mrs. Q. A. Shaw	100 00
Mrs. Alexander Cochrane.	50 00	L. W. Tappan, Jr	100 00
Mrs. J. J. Dixwell	100 00	Andrew C. Wheelwright .	100 00
Charles Fairchild	100 00		
"Friend"	100 00	* Died in 1885.	$2,365 00

In consequence of sundry donations giving during the year 1882–83, there was no deficiency in the income at the end of that year, and the Fund was not required. In the year 1883–84, however, there was a deficiency of about $2,400, and again, in 1884–85, a deficiency of about $3,100; so that in each year the Directors were obliged to call for the full amount of the Guarantee Fund.

The subscribers to the Fund, having thus assisted the Asylum through a period of special difficulty, are entitled to the warmest thanks of all friends of the Institution.

DONATIONS, 1885-'86.

"Friend"	$500 00	Mrs. S	$5 00
"Friend"	200 00	Mrs. F. H. Story	10 00
"Friends," through Clothing Committee	74 00	Sidney F. Tyler, Phila.	5 00
George A. Gardner	50 00	"Well-wisher"	100 00
Mrs. Edwin Ginn	10 00	"X."	12 00
Mrs. Sibyl M. Hunt	2 00		
Dr. C.P. Putnam (telephone)	40 00		$1,008 00

A second contribution of $1,000 to the "Unknown Friend" fund was received after the close of the Treasurer's account.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC., 1885-'86.

Seven pairs drawers, 6 chemises, 1 night dress, 1 skirt, 1 long dress, 12 pillow slips, 4 nurses' aprons —St. James' Church, Roxbury.

23 chemises—Arlington St. Church, Boston.

A child's dress—Miss Effie Putnam.

1 dozen pairs of knit stockings—Mrs. G. W. Smith, Marlborough Street.

2 baby dresses—Mrs. Horton, Reading.

1 dozen flannel nightdresses, 1 doz. flannel shirts, 2 pairs of knit stockings, 2 pairs baby's socks —Unitarian Charitable Society, Woburn.

A box of apples—Mrs. M. J. Pettigrew, Phillipston.

22 night dresses, 21 shirts, 24 short skirts, 24 short calico dresses, 4 long calico dresses, 18 long white dresses, 16 pairs stockings, 3 pairs socks, and under clothing—Ladies of Mt. Pleasant Unitarian Church, Rev. Wm. H. Lyon, pastor, Roxbury.

A double baby carriage—Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Quincy.

8 long calico dresses, 6 long white dresses, 4 bibs, 2 pairs socks, 3 knit bands—Mrs. Bennett, Brookline.

2 knit blankets, 2 nurses' aprons, 1 pair socks — Miss L. P. Sohier, Beacon Street.

12 sacks, 6 aprons, 12 long white dresses, 12 diapers—First Parish Church, Dorchester.

Old linen—Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Dorchester.

3 pairs socks, 2 knit sacks, 2 knit shirts, 1 knit band, 1 pair gaiters, 1 muslin cap, and a ball—Left at the door by "a friend."

A box of partly worn clothing—Mrs. Schlesinger, Brookline.

1 peck fresh berries, a box of plants and slips—Mrs. Isaac Cox, W. Dedham.

2 white dresses, 2 calico dresses, 1 knit shawl—Mrs. Augustus Parker, Roxbury.

Corn and beans, 8 melons and 2 bushels of peas, and fruit several times—Mrs. Slocum, Jamaica Plain.

A crate of peaches, and fruit many times—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell, Jamaica Plain.

21 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. F. A. Kennedy, Cambridge.

Cranberries—Mrs. Ryder, Sharon.

6 dresses, 1 skirt—Channing Society, Arlington Street Church.

6 pairs knit stockings, 3 aprons—Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston.

6 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. G. H. Shaw.

3 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. W. C. Williamson.

Useful articles of clothing and books—Mrs. J. B. Case.

4 pairs knit stockings—Miss E. C. Gray, 143 Beacon Street.

3 pairs socks, 12 short dresses, 7 long dresses—Ladies of Mr. De Normandie's Church, Roxbury, through Mrs. Augustus Parker.

2 woolen baby sacques, and 1 pair of stockings—Mrs. Case.

Ice cream for the family, twice, and fresh vegetables many times—Mrs. Greenough.

A turkey for Thanksgiving—Miss Anna C. Lowell, Roxbury.

A turkey and chicken—Ganter & Co., Boylston Station.

2 outside garments for nurses—Mrs. Howard French, North Easton.

Bundle of pieces, and clothing for nurses and children—Mrs. Augustus Parker, Roxbury.

Jar of preserve—Mrs. C. M. Pierce, Reading.

36 new dresses—Mrs. Martin Brimmer, Boston.

Bundle of partly worn clothing, and bundle of new clothing—Miss C. L. Ware.

Materials for a dress for each nurse's child — Mrs. D. S. Greenough.

36 long white dresses, 36 flannel shirts, 36 flannel night dresses, and 23 pairs of stockings—Sewing Circle of Mt. Pleasant Church, Roxbury.

Rent of telephone for the year—Dr. C. P. Putnam, Boston.

9 flannel night dresses, 11 long flannel skirts, 9 long white dresses, 6 short calico dresses, 25 bands—Mrs. G. H. Shaw.

2 dozen infants' dresses—St. John's Parish, Jamaica Plain.

Christmas Gifts.

Calico dress for each nurse—Mrs. John Lowell.

A handkerchief for each nurse, also nuts and raisins—Miss C. L. Ware.

2 white aprons for each nurse—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell.

A turkey and confectionery, also a nicely fitted work-box for each of the nurses, and a toy for each child—Mrs. J. B. Case.

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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1887–'88.

President.

JOHN F. ANDREW, 32 Hereford Street, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

ABBOTT LAWRENCE LOWELL, 50 State Street, Boston.

SAMUEL CABOT, Edge Hill Road, Brookline.

Secretary.

CHARLES P. WARE, Walnut Street, Brookline.

Treasurer.

EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, 12 West Street, Boston.

Directors.

Miss Phebe G. Adam	Bishop Street, Jamaica Plain.
Thomas C. Amory	19 Commonwealth Avenue.
Mrs. John C. Bancroft	61 Mount Vernon Street, Boston.
Miss Anne P. Cary	64 Beacon Street, Boston.
Mrs. J. B. Case	120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Tucker Daland	Fisher Avenue, Brookline.
Mrs. J. J. Dixwell	Pond Street, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. Dwight Foster	Greenough Avenue, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. D. S. Greenough	Centre Street, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. N. P. Hallowell	West Medford.
Mrs. Henry L. Higginson	191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Rev. Henry F. Jenks	Canton.
Mrs. F. A. Kennedy	Cambridge.
Mrs. F. W. G. May	127 State Street, Boston.
Mrs. Edward Motley	22 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Miss Mary R. Parkman	31 Mount Vernon Street, Boston.
Mrs. Charles L. Peirson	191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Alexander S. Porter	27 State Street, Boston.
William L. Putnam	50 State Street, Boston.
Miss Maria A. Revere	Canton.
Mrs. G. Howland Shaw	1 Joy Street, Boston.
Miss Annie H. Thwing	Beech Glen Avenue, Roxbury.
Miss C. L. Ware	60 Cedar Street, Roxbury.
Mrs. A. Davis Weld, Jr.	Forest Hills Street, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. George W. Wheeler	373 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Francis H. Williams, M. D.	100 Boylston Street, Boston.
Mrs. W. C. Williamson	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.

Assistant Treasurer.

CHARLES P. WARE, Walnut Street, Brookline.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Admission.

Mr. Daland.
Mrs. Bancroft.
Miss Parkman.

House.

Mr. Ware.
Mrs. Foster.
Mrs. Greenough.
Mrs. Weld.
Dr. Williams.

Business with City and State.

Mr. Amory.
Mr. Daland.
Mr. Jenks.
Mr. Lowell.

Boarding.

Miss Ware.
Mrs. Case.
Mrs. May.
Mrs. Weld.
Mrs. Wheeler.
Mrs. Williamson.

Adoption and Discharge.

Mr. Lowell.
Mrs. Kennedy.
Mr. Putnam.
Miss Revere.
Mrs. Shaw.

Clothing.

Mrs. Peirson.
Mrs. Dixwell.
Mrs. Greenough.
Mrs. Kennedy.

Finance.

Mr. Philbrick.
Mr. Andrew.

Auditors.

Mr. Porter.
Mr. Daland.

Matron.

Miss Mary E. Bullard.

Assistant Matron.

Miss Jenny H. Lémann.

Physicians.

Attending.

Dr. Emma L. Call, 151 Boylston Street.
Dr. George K. Sabine, Brookline.
Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlboro' Street.

Consulting.

Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlboro' Street.
Dr. Lucy E. Sewall, 151 Boylston Street.

VISITORS.

April	Mrs. Peirson.	Miss Adam.
May	Mrs. Kennedy.	Mrs. Williamson.
June	Mrs. May.	Miss Parkman.
July	Mrs. Weld.	
August	Mrs. Dixwell.	
September	Miss Revere.	Mrs. Kennedy.
October	Mrs. Motley.	Mrs. Foster.
November	Miss Ware.	Mrs. Wheeler.
December	Mrs. Case.	Miss Thwing.
January	Mrs. Greenough.	Mrs. Bancroft.
February	Mrs. Shaw.	Miss Ware.
March	Miss Cary.	Miss Thwing.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Committee on Admission.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock, P. M.

Boston and Providence Railroad.

Trains Leave Boston,—

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
6.45	10.10	1.15	4.05	5.55	7.35
6.55	10.40	2.10	4.30	6.05	8.00
7.05	11.35	2.20	4.50	6.10	9.15
7.35	P. M.	2.40	5.05	6.20	10.00
9.00	12.10	3.15	5.25	6.35	10.35
9.30	12.30	3.30	5.40	7.00	11.15

Leave Boylston Street,—

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
6.21	8.22	12.12	2.36	4.57	7.28
6.32	8.51	12.52	3.11	5.17	7.40
7.02	9.27	1.35	3.42	6.04	8.07
7.21	10.21	1.49	4.19	6.26	8.52
7.35	10.58	2.17	4.33	6.56	9.20
7.48	11.52		4.44	7.11	10.36

Horse Cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum present their twentieth annual report.

April 1st, 1886, the Asylum had under its care	87	
Added during the year	88*	
		175
Died or left the Asylum		95
In care of Asylum, April 1st, 1887 . .		80
At Asylum	21	
At Board	59	
		80

The year brought several changes in our Board of Directors.

The death of Mr. Thomas Parsons removed one who had long been a Vice President and friend of the Asylum, and whose large heart and ready hand were ever active in ministering, alike to the prisoner in his cell, and to the foundling on the threshold of its uncertain life.

In the Autumn, Dr. H. P. Bowditch felt obliged to resign his position as President of the Asylum, and in January, Hon. J. F. Andrew was elected as his successor.

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* State children, 36; Nurses' children, 30; Committee children, 22.

192 applications were made to the Committee. Of these 165 were rejected.

1	was too ill.
1	died before admission.
26	were withdrawn.
30	were refused, on account of bad character of applicant.
25	" applied for adoption only.
22	" relatives could support the child.
7	" over 9 months old.
3	" born out of the State.
50	" for want of room.
165	
22	were admitted
5	came with their mothers, wet-nurses.
192	

In February, Dr. Lucy E. Sewall resigned her place as attending physician at the Asylum, where she will be greatly missed, both in her professional services, and from her long continued interest in the well-being of the children.

There were also various changes among the Directors during the year; and while regretting the parting with those who resigned, we have welcomed many agreeable additions to our Board.

Within the Asylum, Miss Bullard has continued in charge as Matron, and the daily routine of her labors brings no diminution in her zeal, and interest for the in-coming or the outgoing child; nor does she ever spare time or strength in efforts for the general welfare.

Miss Stockman, at the close of her summer vacation, decided not to resume the post of Assistant Matron at the Asylum, a position she had long filled with great fidelity, and an untiring and tender interest in all connected with the care of the babies under her charge. Her resignation was accepted with much regret, and her place temporarily supplied until March, when Miss Lémann was chosen Assistant Matron. Her previous experience among children, and great enthusiasm for her work, promise well for the appointment.

As the Asylum tells the tale of its labors for the twentieth time, it is still fraught with interest for those who have watched its progress for many years, and for those who have taken up its service in the full tide of its success. The principles of its foundation remain in force, though in detail they are brought under the inspiration of such improvements as experience and the progress in all charitable work would suggest. The aspirations of the Asylum towards widening its powers are limited only by its means, which, owing (in a measure) to the continued withdrawal of infants by the State, are too restricted to permit an increase of its usefulness; and the hope of again opening the house at Medford is still in the dim future.

We must therefore repeat that fervent petition, so familiar to all readers of annual reports, for further contributions to our funds, in the hope of securing new friends, and to remind others of our existence and necessities.

The special claims of the Institution to the generosity of the public were so admirably stated last year, that it seems needless to repeat them so soon. In a general way, however, we would point out, even for the twentieth time, how far-reaching is the benefit of the system here pursued, in giving to all friendless babies, first, a chance for health, either in the immediate care of the Asylum, or in well-tested boarding places; and secondly, for those with none to claim them, the prospect, through adoption, of good homes, which are frequently in the places where they first find shelter, and where they awaken a love which makes them one with the family.

Many applicants for children come also from distant country towns, where comfort and the best influences abound. For these our Asylum offers many advantages, in the interest and sympathy which the Directors and Matrons feel in such applications, inspired by the happiness they have seen brought to many households by the presence of a little waif, who is soon safely anchored in the hearts of the inmates.

Besides the children of nurses, and the foundlings who bring to the sympathies and cares of the Asylum so great a portion of its work, there would be found in the annals of the Admission Committee a large class of babies, born of highly respectable parents, but whose birth often comes at a time when poverty, illness and death have visited the home; and when the Asylum, by taking the new comer for a time, can bring great relief to the over-worked father or mother. For these there is always a welcome when space will allow, and from these we can always recruit our ranks, should the time ever come when the State will take charge of all its

infants. But this work we can not accomplish, unless the public will kindly come forward and supply from generous hands what has hitherto flowed from the State Treasury.

Like all well-established work, the Asylum, in pursuing its especial object, gives a helping hand in other directions. The nurses that come within its doors often illustrate how one good deed leads to another. They are generally young, thoughtless, and undisciplined; but after being under the influences of the Asylum for several months, they frequently leave us for good places, or remain in the service of the house, and become happy and respectable workers in the world.

The Treasurer's report will speak of the donations and subscriptions to our finances; while additions to our resources of many kinds have aided greatly in the work.

In behalf of the Clothing Committee, we would earnestly beg a continuance of the many valuable gifts received during the year. Our number of babies calls for much clothing, and dozens of socks; while garments suited to the nurses are also most acceptable, as these women rarely come to us sufficiently clad.

It is a great pleasure each year to renew our thanks for the constant favors bestowed upon us; and we desire to include among those to whom our gratitude is due, the various physicians in the country towns, who have faithfully cared for our babies in illness, and by their moderate charges have added their share to this work of charity.

For the Directors,

Cora L. Shaw.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS.

There have been under the care of the Asylum this year 175 children, of whom 17 have died, making a percentage of 9.7. Of these, 7 died in the Asylum, and 10 at board. The causes of death were as follows:—

Cause of Death.	Asylum.	Board.	Total.
Diarrhœal diseases	1	6	7
Marasmus	1	1	2
Premature birth	1	0	1
Acute disease of lungs	2	2	4
Convulsions	0	1	1
Tubercular Meningitis	1	0	1
Chronic Catarrhal Pneumonia and Enteritis	1	0	1

This is a smaller number of deaths than usual. Nevertheless there has been more sickness this year than for several years, and sometimes the sickness has been of quite severe character. During the early part of last year chicken pox made its appearance, and 18 babies and several nurses were attacked in the course of a few weeks. Though not in itself a dangerous disease, chicken pox often causes debility; and it came last year at the beginning of summer, when we always feel it important to have as much reserve strength in the children as possible. In the midst of it came the hot weather, and the children suffered a good deal from summer diarrhœa. Several children, too, had a severe inflammation of the eyes, which came on in connection with the chicken pox. Among the boarding children, also, were many cases of chicken pox; and there was one case of scarlet fever: but none of them proved fatal.

In February a child of a wet nurse was attacked with diphtheria. We kept him in a separate room for a few days; but, fearing lest the disease might spread to the other children, we sent him to the City Hospital with his mother.

We have been gratified more than once by the unexpected recovery of a baby that seemed too ill to live. One, whose mother died at its birth, was, at the time of her admission, emaciated, and suffering from neglect. She had 11 abscesses at once, but is now a plump and healthy child. Several cases of summer diarrhœa and vomiting recovered beyond expectation.

Last fall we suspected the quality of the milk for a while, and the Inspector of Milk found that it contained more water than it ought to contain. At present we have milk from the milkman which the Inspector pronounces of good quality; and the fresh condensed milk of the Boston Condensed Milk Co. also agrees with the children.

We have been quite successful in finding places to board children where they can be wholly or partly wet-nursed. This adds, of course, very much to the safety of a child.

The health of the children at the time of their discharge has been good, and no want of health has prevented them from obtaining permanent homes.

For the Physicians,

Charles P. Putnam.

Dr. EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer, in Account*

1886.			
April 1.	To balance as per last Report		$1,805 89
1887.			
April 1.	To receipts during past year, viz:		
	From Annual Subscriptions	$1,583 50	
	" Sundry Gifts	167 00	
	" State of Massachusetts	9,955 86	
	" Mothers, for board of children	692 00	
	" Income of Lyman Fund	1,248 00	
	" " Clothing Fund	170 00	
	" " Cabot Fund	50 00	
	" " May Fund	20 00	
	" " Putnam Fund	150 00	
	" " Joy Fund	250 00	
	" " Unknown Friend Fund	122 00	
	" " General Fund	903 62	
	Making total current receipts		15,311 98
	From legacy John H. Eastburn Estate	5,000 00	
	" " Catherine C. Humphrey Estate	1,000 00	
	" Unknown Friend, for Fund	1,000 00	
	" Sale of Securities, Lyman Fund (Bath City Bonds)	4,045 63	
	" Loan (borrowed money)	1,500 00	
			12,545 63
			$29,663 50

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1887.									
April 1.	INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS.								
CORA LYMAN FUND.—	$	Cambridge City Bonds,	6	per cent.,	costing	..	$7,740 00		
	4	Boston "	"	4	"	"	..	4,420 00		
	9	Worcester "	"	6	"	"	..	8,368 50		
									$20,528 50
CLOTHING FUND.—	2	St. Louis City Bonds,		6	"	"	..	2,003 33	
	1	A. T. & S. F. R. R. Bond,		5	"	"	..	960 00	
									2,963 33
H. CABOT FUND.—	1	" " "		5	"	"	..		960 00
MAY FUND.—	1	U. S. Consol Bond		4	"	"	..		593 13
PUTNAM FUND.—	3	A. T. & S. F. R. R. Bonds,		5	"	"	..		2,887 50
JOY FUND.—	5	" " "		5	"	"	..		4,802 29
UNKNOWN FRIEND FUND.—	1	" Bond,		5	"	"	..	$77 58	
	9	Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock,			"		..	1,194 25	
									2,071 83
HOLLINGSWORTH FUND.—	Savings Bank Book								100 00
GENERAL FUND.—	(Unrestricted) as follows:—								
	100	Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock, costing						13,378 41	
	2	A. T. & S. F. R. R. Bonds, 5 per cent., costing					..	1,929 79	
									15,308 20
Land and Buildings, as per last Report								43,950 74	
Furniture, " "								882 02	
									44,832 76
Cash on hand (less borrowed money)									399 95
									$95,447 49

with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1887.				
April 1.	By amounts paid during past year, viz:			
	For Salaries and Wages	$2,522 54		
	" Milk	572 93		
	" Provisions	1,387 90		
	" Ice, tea and water	162 56		
	" Clothing	93 32		
	" Fuel and lights	524 55		
	" Drugs and medicines	115 25		
	" Repairs and furniture	292 71		
	" Stationery, printing and advertising	94 75		
	" Express, telephone and carriages	92 81		
	" Boarding bills: Medford, $2,584.95; other places, $7,395	9,979 95		
	" Incidentals	150 30		
	" Burials	35 00		
	" Interest	97 98		
	Total current expenses		$16,122 55	
	For investment, as follows:			
	" (Unknown Friend Fund) 8 shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock	1,080 00		
	" (Legacies) 46 shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock	6,141 00		
	" Re-investment of Lyman Fund, 4 City of Boston, 4 per cents.	4,420 00		
			11,641 00	
	By balance cash on hand		1,899 95	
			$29,663 50	

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1887.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.			
April 1.	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman	$20,000 00		
	" Trustees of Miss Joy's Estate	5,000 00		
	" Subscription to Building Fund	15,700 42		
	" " for Clothing Fund	3,025 00		
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate	1,000 00		
	" Hollingsworth Gift	100 00		
	" Miss Putnam's Estate	3,000 00		
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate	500 00		
	" Unknown Friend	2,000 00		
			$50,325 42	
	General Fund, as per last Report	40,023 31		
	Add Legacies received during past year	6,000 00		
		$46,023 31		
	Deduct excess of expenses $16,122 55			
	Over current receipts 15,311 98			
		$810 57		
	And loss on City of Bath Bonds sold	90 67	901 24	
	Leaving general fund at present		45,122 07	
			$95,447 49	

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of Edw. S. Philbrick, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1st, 1887, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property in his hands as above stated.

BOSTON, April 12, 1887.

ALEX. S. PORTER,
T. DALAND,
Auditing Committee.

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

LIFE MEMBERS.

"Any person desiring to be a life member may become so by paying fifty dollars or more."—*Extract from By-Laws.*

Mrs. John Q. Adams,
Mrs. F. L. Ames,
Miss Helen A. Ames,
William Amory,
Mrs. Adams Ayer.

John C. Bancroft,
Mrs. Sidney Bartlett,
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Bennett,
Mrs. Joshua Bennett,
Robert C. Billings,
J. I. Bowditch,
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch,
Mrs. Gardner Brewer,
Martin Brimmer,
Mrs. Martin Brimmer,
Mrs. W. S. Bullard.

Mrs. J. S. Cabot,
Miss A. P. Cary,
Mrs. Wm. F. Cary,
Mrs. James B. Case,
Mrs. Alexander Cochrane,
Mrs. Charles R. Codman,
William E. Coffin,
Mrs. W. E. Coffin,
Mrs. T. J. Coolidge,
Greely S. Curtis,
Mrs. J. G. Cushing.

Mrs. C. H. Dalton,
Dr. E. Hasket Derby,
F. Gordon Dexter,
Mrs. George Dexter,
Mrs. George Dickinson,
Mrs. R. C. Dixey,
Mrs. J. J. Dixwell,
Charles F. Donnelly.

Mrs. Samuel Eliot.

Charles Fairchild,
Mrs. A. G. Farwell,
Mrs. George Faulkner,
Augustus Flagg,
John M. Forbes,
Mrs. J. M. Forbes,
Mrs. W. H. Forbes.

George A. Gardner,
Mrs. George Gardner,
Mrs. W. T. Glidden,
Mrs. Ozias Goodwin,
Miss Eliza Goodwin,
William Gray, Jr.,
Mrs. Horace Gray,
Mrs. Franklin Greene,
Mrs. S. E. Guild.

Mrs. Henry Hatch,
Mrs. A. Hemenway,
Mrs. Charles P. Hemenway,
F. L. Higginson,
George Higginson,
Mrs. Henry L. Higginson,
Mrs. Almon D. Hodges,
Edward W. Hooper,
Miss E. Howes,
H. H. Hunnewell,
F. W. Hunnewell.

Charles C. Jackson,
Mrs. N. M. Jewett,
Mrs. E. D. Jordan.

Franklin King.

Mrs. Wm. R. Lawrence,
Mrs. J. Ellerton Lodge,
John A. Loring,
Mrs. T. K. Lothrop,
Miss Anna C. Lowell,
Mrs. John Lowell,
A. T. Lyman,
Mrs. A. T. Lyman,
Theodore Lyman.

Miss E. F. Mason,
Miss Ida M. Mason,
Mrs. Nathan Matthews,
Miss Ernestine May,
Miss Josephine May,
Mrs. S. May,
Mrs. Caroline Merriam,
Mrs. Charles Merriam,
Mrs. G. R. Minot,
Mrs. M. M. McGregor.

Miss A. B. Newman.

John Felt Osgood,
Mrs. J. F. Osgood.

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9 nightdresses, 1 flannel wrapper, 12 flannel skirts, 12 long white dresses, 1 short calico dress, 3 pairs socks, 1 pair drawers, 2 nurse's aprons—St. James Aid Society, Roxbury.

2 sheets, 4 pillow cases, 2 pairs stockings, pieces of linen and cotton—Mrs. Edw. Motley.

12 chemises, 12 pairs drawers—Left by express without name.

32 pairs knit stockings, 1 crib quilt, 3 dozen white aprons for nurses —Mrs. J. B. Case.

3 pairs knit stockings — Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston.

3 long skirts, 5 nightdresses, 1 short skirt, 1 apron, 1 nurse's apron — Centennial Sewing Circle, through Mrs. C. E. Ware, Boston.

3 cans condensed milk, 1 box Horlick's food, 2 boxes Nestlis food—Mrs. Beckman, Boston.

4 white dresses, 1 skirt, 2 long dresses, 5 flannel foot-blankets, 6 bands—Miss Georgina Lowell, 12 Fairfield street.

Rhubarb, asparagus and strawberries, ice cream, pears, apples, tin bread-box, material for an apron for each nurse—Mrs. D. S. Greenough.

6 long white dresses, 8 linen diapers, 5 knit bands, 4 pairs socks—Mrs. Bennett, Brookline.

11 shirts and 15 aprons — Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

8 quarts strawberries, 1 peck blueberries—Mrs. Isaac Cox, West Dedham.

Bundle of linen—Miss P. G. Adam.

14 pairs drawers—Ladies' Missionary Society, Grace Church, Newton, Mrs. Moses Clark, Sec.

22 long white dresses, 3 flannel sacques — Benevolent Society of First Parish, Dorchester.

1 dozen flannel nightdresses, 1 doz. flannel sacques, 1 doz. pairs knit stockings—Unitarian Charitable Society, Woburn.

Ice cream freezer, pears, cotton and linen pieces—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell.

2 pairs knit socks — Mrs. James Horne, Cambridge.

Fruit and vegetables frequently, through the season—Mrs. Slocum, Jamaica Plain.

Basket of pears—Mrs. F. W. G. May.

Barrel of apples—Mr. Herman Curtis, Jamaica Plain.

7 pairs knit stockings, and worsted balls — Mrs. C. B. Harding, Cambridge.

5 knit woolen jackets—Miss A. S. Everett, Lambert Avenue, Roxbury.

2 knit jackets, 6 pairs knitted boots —Miss C. Parsons, Brookline.

6 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. C. L. Peirson.

30 vaccine points—Dr. Stephen C. Martin, Roxbury.

2 dresses — Mrs. Martin Brimmer, Boston.

6 print dresses, 4 cambric slips, 2 bands—Mrs. William F. Cary, 64 Beacon Street.

12 print dresses—Channing Circle, Arlington Street Church.

8 infants' dresses, 4 pairs drawers, 4 chemises—Miss C. L. Ware.
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Turkey—Mrs. F. A. Kennedy.
1 bbl. apples and 2 chickens—Miss C. L. Ware.
3 dozen oranges — Mrs. Dwight Foster.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Cambric for a dress for each nurse and servant—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell, Jamaica Plain.
A turkey, and gift for each member of the family and each child—Mrs. J. B. Case.
A handkerchief for each nurse—Miss C. L. Ware.
A linen handkerchief for each nurse and servant—Dr. Frank Wells, Brookline.
A turkey and dozen oranges — F. Ganter & Co., Boylston Station.
A large package of cards—L. Prang & Co., Roxbury.
A dress for each nurse's child — Mrs. Dwight Foster.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PUBLIC STATUTES,

As amended in 1882 and 1883.

CHAPTER 84.

SECT. 21. The overseers of the poor of a city or town, and the superintendent and board of trustees of the state almshouse, may place deserted and destitute infants in the care of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, or St. Mary's Infant Asylum, and such sum as may be agreed upon shall be paid for the temporary support of such infants; but such overseers and the state board of health, lunacy, and charity shall use all reasonable care to collect the cost of such temporary support from parties justly chargeable with the same, when they can be ascertained, and to remove those infants not born or not having a settlement in this state.

SECT. 22. When town, city, or state officers charged with the custody of destitute children delegate to an incorporated charitable institution the custody of an infant less than four years of age, such institution shall be held to comply with all the provisions of law, and be subject to all the restrictions concerning such infant that may be required by law of the officers so delegating the trust.

SECT. 23. When an infant lawfully in the custody of a charitable institution as aforesaid has been wilfully deserted and abandoned for more than four months by its parents or natural guardians, the officers of

such institution may procure any suitable person in this commonwealth to take and support such child for such time as may be specified in a written agreement made for that purpose, not exceeding the time when the child shall be fourteen years old. The form and conditions of such agreement shall be prescribed by the state board, and the agreement, with a descriptive list of the origin, name, age, and person of the infant, so far as known, and the name, residence, and recommendations of the person taking the child, shall be returned to the state board in such form as it may prescribe. All such children shall be subject to the visitation and control provided by law for children put out or apprenticed from state institutions; but nothing herein contained shall diminish the legal rights of parents, guardians, and next of kin.

CHAPTER 86.

SECT. 44. When an infant having no known settlement in this commonwealth is received by the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, agreeably to the provisions of its charter, or by the St. Mary's Infant Asylum, agreeably to the provisions of its charter, immediate notice of such reception shall be given by the directors of said asylum, in writing, to the state board, which shall have authority to examine the case and remove such infant, if it considers such removal expedient. The expense incurred by the asylum for the support of such infant, after the bills for the same have been approved by the state board, shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth to an amount not exceeding four dollars per week for each infant; but the commonwealth shall be under no obligation to reimburse the asylum for any expense incurred for the support of any such infant for a period of more than one week prior to the giving of the notice herein provided for.

SECT. 45. The state board shall have the same authority in respect to any such infant that it has in respect to infants in the almshouse.

SECT. 46. When the asylum is full of inmates, or when from sickness or other sufficient cause it is not expedient to receive or retain an infant legally committed thereto who is a state pauper, the state board shall provide for such infant in a proper family or other suitable place, under the constant supervision of its medical officers, till it reaches the age of three years, or is otherwise provided for by the state board.

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The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum; or to the Committee on Admission, Room 48, Charity Building, Chardon Street, Mondays and Thursdays, at 1 o'clock.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

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6.45	10.10	1.15	4.05	5.55	7.35
6.55	10.40	2.10	4.30	6.05	8.00
7.05	11.35	2.20	4.50	6.10	9.15
7.35	P. M.	2.40	5.05	6.20	10.00
9.00	12.10	3.15	5.25	6.35	10.35
9.30	12.30	3.30	5.40	7.00	11.15

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6.32	8.51	12.52	3.11	5.17	7.40
7.02	9.27	1.35	3.42	6.04	8.07
7.21	10.21	1.49	4.19	6.26	8.52
7.35	10.58	2.17	4.33	6.56	9.20
7.48	11.52		4.44	7.11	10.36

Horse Cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum present their twenty-first annual report.

The following table will show the number of children received and cared for from April 1, 1887, to April 1, 1888.

April 1st, 1887, the Asylum had under its care	80	
Added during the year	95*	
		175
Died or left the Asylum		102†
In charge of the Asylum, April 1st, 1888 .		73
At Main Asylum, Jamaica Plain . .	16	
At Board	57	
		73*

* State children, 26; Nurses' children, 17; Committee children, 30.

196 applications were made to the Committee. Of these 161 were rejected.

2	were too ill.
18	were withdrawn.
19	were refused, on account of bad character of applicant.
33	" applied for adoption only.
35	" relatives could support the children.
6	" over 9 months old.
2	" born out of the State.
46	" our income being insufficient for their support.
161	
30	were admitted.
5	came with their mothers, wet-nurses.
196	

† Died	22
Adopted	17
Discharged with their mothers, wet-nurses	31
Taken by Parents (Committee children)	19
Sent to the Temporary Home	1
Returned to State authorities	1
Taken by Overseers of the Poor of Taunton	1
Discharged to the State, by request	7
Retained temporarily at the Asylum	3
	102

The past year has been marked by no unusual event in the history of the Asylum.

In June the directors accepted, with much regret, the resignation of Mrs. J. J. Dixwell. She had been a director from the earliest years of the Asylum, and had always given to its work her warmest interest and most generous help.

Our Secretary, Mr. Charles P. Ware, has also sent us his resignation. The Directors venture to hope that his absence from the board will be only temporary.

During the month of June, a number of babies in the Asylum had measles, and much credit is due to the Matrons for their prompt action in separating the sick children from the well ones, thus preventing the spread of the disease throughout the entire family. The value of the isolated ward was then, more than ever, appreciated; without it, this precautionary measure could not so effectually have been carried out.

In November, whooping-cough made its appearance in our nurseries, and soon became an epidemic, causing serious trouble; some of the older members of the household suffering from it, as well as the children.

No infants were received at the Asylum during the prevalence of the whooping-cough, and in January it was thought advisable to send all the babies then in the House, with their nurses, to board for a time in some of our country boarding-places.

During the absence of the children, the nurseries and corridor were thoroughly cleansed and painted, and many much-needed repairs were made. The painting was done on very favorable terms by a painter whose child is in the care of the Asylum, and who was glad to express his gratitude to us in this practical manner.

Arrangements have been made which will, it is hoped, enable us to use the isolated ward at all seasons of the year.

Hitherto it has been available only in the summer and early autumn months, as the facilities for heating and ventilating it were inadequate in cold weather. The severe and prolonged siege of whooping-cough through which we have just passed has proved conclusively how disastrous is the result of having this important part of the Asylum building closed during several months of the year.

Miss Bullard continues her duties as Matron with her usual energy and ability, and her interest in the welfare and care of the children in the house and at board is untiring.

Miss Darling, who has been our Assistant Matron since November, has proved herself to be competent and satisfactory.

The experiment of having but two Matrons in the Asylum, and of employing a nurse when illness made the services of another person necessary, has been thoroughly tried, and in the summer it was thought advisable to return to our former plan, and have three Matrons permanently in the House.

In October, Mrs. N. M. Dean was chosen for the position of Second Assistant Matron, the requirements of which office she has faithfully fulfilled.

The work done by the different committees is believed to have been efficient and successful.

The Admission Committee rejects each year many applications. Of these a large proportion is in every way deserving of assistance, which we are obliged to refuse for want of the necessary means. The number of children which can be cared for in the Asylum is small; but we should be glad to take charge of many more in our boarding-places; and it is a source of constant regret to us that our limited income thus seriously restricts our capacity for usefulness.

The Committee on Adoption and Discharge have this year found homes for seventeen children. These have all been legally adopted into families in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. In many instances our Matron has opportunities

of seeing them in their new homes, and photographs are often sent to her of beautiful children who have been under our care as babies, but are now adopted into families where they have the same devoted love which parents give to their own children.

The work of the Boarding Committee varies little from year to year. We have at present, among our babies at board in the country, a little blind girl, who will be two years old this month. As the Asylum is not able to provide for its children after they are two years of age, the board of this child will be paid by private charity until she is old enough to be admitted into the Kindergarten for the Blind. In the meantime she will remain in the same boarding-place, and we shall watch her development with much interest.

The Committee on Clothing repeats its annual appeal for help. Hand-knit socks, and garments for the nurses, as well as old linen and cotton, are very acceptable. The Committee also desire to have church societies and sewing-circles take an interest in them, and hope that their friends will help them in this way.

Early in the summer, Dr. H. W. Broughton, of Jamaica Plain, consented to assist our physicians in visiting the babies in the Asylum, and those at board near it. Our thanks are due to him for his skilful and devoted care of them.

Dr. Adaline S. Whitney has also kindly agreed to give us her help when needed, and we are glad to be able to add her name to our list of physicians.

We desire again to express our thanks to all those physicians who visit the babies at board from the Asylum, in the different country towns.

It is well known that for the past few years we have not received so many children from the State authorities as formerly; and while this fact causes a falling off in the income of the Asylum, the expenses of its maintenance are

not diminished in an equal ratio. We therefore hope that those who may feel an interest in this charity will give us all the support in their power, for there has never been a time when the work of our asylum was more needed than at present.

In reference to this work and its appreciation by the State, we copy the following paragraph from the last report of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity: —

MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.

"We have not reported in detail concerning this excellent private charity which the State has now aided for nearly twenty years, because no control of its affairs is exercised by the State or desired by either party. The infants sent to it by this Board are received and cared for as we would desire, and their board is paid by an arrangement believed to be just and satisfactory to all parties."

For the Directors,

Sarah H. Williamson.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS.

The general health of the Asylum during the last year has been fairly good; although it has suffered from two epidemics,—one in the spring, of measles, and one in the fall and winter, of whooping-cough. In the former none of the cases were fatal, but the latter was the indirect cause of three deaths. In order to free the house of whooping-cough, it became necessary, as in a previous instance, to send all the nurses and children out to board, and begin with a new set. At present all those sent to board are recovering, but none are entirely well.

One fatal case of diphtheria occurred, but the disease did not become epidemic.

Twenty-two, or $12\frac{4}{7}$ per cent of all the children, died. This is a low mortality, especially in view of the fact that in many instances the children were in poor condition when admitted, some of them actually ill, others suffering more or less from neglect, etc. It is, perhaps, rather the exception to receive children that are perfectly sound and well.

Of the deaths,

Two were from diarrhœal diseases; one of these was of an infant that was quite ill when admitted and lived only twelve days.

Three were from pneumonia.

Three from marasmus or faulty nutrition; two of these were in children who had consumptive mothers, one of them being feeble from birth.

Two died of pleurisy.

Three had chronic disease of the lungs; one of these was the child of a consumptive mother.

There was one death each from diphtheria, membranous croup, meningitis, heart disease and syphilis.

Nine of the deaths occurred in the Asylum, and the remaining thirteen at boarding places. An important fact with regard to the deaths is the comparative freedom from diarrhœal diseases which the Asylum has enjoyed. A better record in this respect could scarcely be expected or desired.

The results of the experiment of returning children, taken sick while at board, to the Asylum, are such that the experiment deserves further trial. In a number of instances this has apparently been the means of saving their lives. This has undoubtedly been due, not only to the fact that it has been possible to wet-nurse some of them on their return, but also to the greater experience in the ordinary nursing of sick children. Although the percentage of deaths is low, still the general health of the children in the house, at times, is not all that could be desired. Too great care can not be taken in regard to the milk-supply, especially in warm weather. It would be well if it could be brought twice daily, instead of once, as is now done. In summer the children would probably do better if it were possible for them to spend more time out of doors. As it is they get but little fresh air aside from that which they get by remaining in the house.

For the Physicians,

G. K. Sabine.

Dr. EDWARD S. PHILBRICK, *Treasurer, in Account*

1887.				
April 1.	To balance as per last Report			$1,899 95
1888.				
April 1.	To receipts during the past year, as follows:			
	From Annual Subscriptions	$1,746 50		
	" Sundry Gifts	706 00		
	" State of Massachusetts	10,688 04		
	" Mothers, for children's board	738 18		
	" Income of Lyman Fund	1,180 00		
	" " Clothing Fund	170 00		
	" " Cabot Fund	50 00		
	" " May Fund	20 00		
	" " Putnam Fund	150 00		
	" " Joy Fund	250 00		
	" " Unknown Friend Fund	122 00		
	" " General Fund	923 31		
	Total Receipts			16,744 03
				$18,643 98

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1888.				
April 1.	INVESTMENTS AND OTHER PROPERTY.			
	CORA LYMAN FUND.—8 Cambridge City Bonds, 6 per cent., costing	$7,740 00		
	4 Boston " " 4 " "	4,420 00		
	9 Worcester " " 6 " "	8,368 50		
			$20,528 50	
	CLOTHING FUND.—2 St. Louis City Bonds, 6 " "	2,003 33		
	1 Atchison R. R. Bond, 5 " "	960 00		
			2,963 33	
	CABOT FUND.—1 " " " 5 " "		960 00	
	MAY FUND.—1 U. S. Consol, 4 " "		593 13	
	PUTNAM FUND.—3 Atchison R. R. Bonds, 5 " "		2,887 50	
	JOY FUND.— 5 " " " 5 " "		4,802 29	
	UNKNOWN FRIEND FUND.—1 " " 5 " "	887 58		
	9 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock, "	1,194 25		
			2,071 83	
	HOLLINGSWORTH FUND.—Savings Bank Book		100 00	
	GENERAL FUND (unrestricted), as follows:—			
	100 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Stock, costing	13,378 41		
	2 Atchison R. R. Bonds, 5 per cent., costing	1,929 79		
			15,308 20	
	Land and Buildings, as per last report	43,950 74		
	Furniture	882 02		
			44,832 76	
	Cash on hand		1,135 43	
			$96,182 97	

with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1888.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during the past year:		
	For Salaries and Wages	$2,305 03	
	" Milk	529 53	
	" Provisions	1,274 44	
	" Ice, tea and water	141 85	
	" Clothing	217 35	
	" Fuel and lights	699 26	
	" Drugs and medicines	55 98	
	" Repairs and furniture	737 82	
	" Stationery, printing and advertising	76 33	
	" Express, travelling expenses, collecting and telephone	100 65	
	" Board bills	9,686 94	
	" Incidentals	147 37	
	" Burials	36 00	
	Total expenses		$16,008 55
	Repayment of money borrowed		1,500 00
	By balance on hand		1,135 43
			$18,643 98

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1888.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.		
April 1.	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman	$20,000 00	
	" Trustees of Miss Joy's Estate	5,000 00	
	" Subscriptions to Building Fund	15,700 42	
	" " Clothing Fund	3,025 00	
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate	1,000 00	
	" Hollingsworth Gift	100 00	
	" Miss Putnam's Estate	3,000 00	
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate	500 00	
	" Unknown Friend	2,000 00	
			$50,325 42
	General Fund, as per last Report	45,122 07	
	Add excess of receipts $16,744 03		
	over current expenses 16,008 55	735 48	
	Making general fund at present		45,857 55
			$96,182 97

BOSTON, April 7, 1888.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of Edward S. Philbrick, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1st, 1888, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in his hands as above stated.

ALEX. S. PORTER,
TUCKER DALAND, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HER ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

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DONATIONS, 1887–'88.

G. A. Gardner	$50 00	Dr. C. C. Putnam (telephone)	$40 00
F. W. Hunnewell	50 00	Mrs. E. H. Sears	5 00
Miss A. C. Lowell	500 00	E. W. T.	1 00
Mrs. F. W. Palfrey	50 00		
Miss Helen Porter	10 00		$706 00

A third contribution of $1000 to the "Unknown Friend Fund" was made by our unknown friend, April 10, 1888.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC.

25 pairs knitted stockings, 8 pairs partly worn boots, 2 knitted sacques, books and magazines —Mrs. J. B. Case.

1 barrel of apples — Mrs. A. D. Weld, Jr.

50 white dresses for infants—Ladies' Charitable Society, Southboro'.

Baby carriage, with canopy—Mrs. R. H. Stevenson, 58 Chestnut Street.

Easter card and handkerchief for each nurse—Mrs. Dwight Foster.

18 toboggan caps, 2 knitted sacks—Mrs. G. H. Reed, Jamaica Plain.

6 elm trees, 5 quarts of milk — F. W. G. May, Adams Street, Dorchester.

24 chemises, 6 infants' dresses—Ladies' Union, Arlington Street Church.

6 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. C. L. Peirson.

3 carriage blankets, 2 short cloaks, 5 long cloaks, and other partly worn but useful garments — Mrs. J. F. Andrew, 32 Hereford Street.

2 pairs stockings—Mrs. F. A. Kennedy.

41 pairs knitted stockings—Mrs. C. C. Smith, 286 Marlborough St.

7 white dresses, 5 pairs socks, 4 bands, 3 bibs, 1 shirt—Mrs. E. L. Bennett, Park Street, Brookline.

3 long and 3 short dresses—Miss Georgina Lowell, 12 Fairfield Street.

9 pairs woolen stockings — Mrs. Edward Motley.

6 pairs knitted stockings—Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston.

2 pairs crocheted socks—"Friend."

A bundle of partly worn clothing, left at the door—"Baby Charlie."

Apples, pears, cucumbers — Mrs. Slocum, Jamaica Plain.

Cabinet organ and books for service—Miss A. P. Cary.

Basket of pears — Mrs. J. C. Bancroft.

2 baskets of pears — Mrs. D. S. Greenough.

6 pairs of stockings—"Friend."

21 pairs socks, 3 sacks, a knitted Afghan—Miss C. Parsons, Cottage Street, Brookline.

1 bushel of cranberries—Mrs. Ebenezer Gay, West Dedham.

Box of partly worn clothing—Mrs. Schlesinger, Brookline.

6 knitted jackets — Miss Anna S. Everett, Roxbury.

4 knit shirts, 1 skirt, 1 pair partly worn slippers — Miss C. L. Ware.

2½ dozen pairs pillow cases—Roxbury Female Benevolent Society.

Knit Afghan, 25 long white dresses, 8 calico dresses — Mrs. G. H. Shaw.

2 partly worn night-dresses, 1 pair shoes—Mrs. Williams, Longwood.

1 woolen dress, 9 gingham dresses, 11 pairs drawers, 11 waists—Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, Roxbury.

12 bibs — Miss Alice W. Palmer, Bellevue Street, Roxbury.
4 knit shirts—Miss Ellen D. Rogers, Roxbury.
12 short calico dresses—The Channing Circle of Arlington Street Church.
Box of grapes, cranberries and apples—Mrs. H. B. Kennedy, Canton.
2 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. E. A. H. Allen, Northboro.
A box of partly worn but useful clothing — Home for Little Wanderers, Baldwin Place.
6 pairs knitted stockings—Miss M. B. Comyns, Willow Cottage, Roxbury.
Box of infants' clothing — Mrs. John Williamson, New York city.
6 short calico dresses, 2 flannel skirts, 2 knit bands—Mrs. W. F. Cary, 64 Beacon Street.

Thanksgiving Donations.

2 chickens and a barrel of apples—Miss C. L. Ware.
3 dozen oranges — Mrs. Dwight Foster.
A turkey—Miss Anna C. Lowell, Roxbury.
A turkey—Mrs. F. A. Kennedy.

Christmas Donations.

2 aprons for each nurse and servant — Mrs. J. J. Dixwell, Jamaica Plain.
Comb and brush for each nurse and toy for each child, with confectionery, a turkey and figs—Mrs. J. B. Case.
Handkerchief for each nurse and servant—Miss C. L. Ware.
Nuts, figs, raisins and dates—Mrs. D. S. Greenough.
Nuts, figs, raisins and confectionery—Dr. Frank Wells, Brookline.
A large package of cards—L. Prang & Co., Roxbury.
A turkey—F. Ganter & Co., Boylston Station.
Silk handkerchief for each nurse's child—Mrs. Dwight Foster.

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The Massachusetts Infant Asylum

Is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum; or to the Committee on Admission, Room 48, Charity Building, Chardon Street, Mondays and Thursdays, at 1 o'clock.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock, P. M.

BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD.

Trains Leave Boston,—

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
6.30	8.20	12.10	2.40	5.05	6.25	9.15
6.45	9.00	12.30	3.15	5.25	6.35	10.15
6.55	9.35	1.15	3.30	5.40	7.00	10.30
7.05	10.10	1.20	4.02	5.55	7.35	11.15
7.30	10.40	2.10	4.30	6.05	8.00	11.32
8.05	11.35	2.25	4.50	6.15	9.00	

Leave Boylston Street,—

A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
6.24	7.48	10.58	1.38	3.42	6.04	7.40
6.29	7.58	11.53	1.49	4.14	6.18	8.04
7.03	8.22		2.18	4.32	6.28	8.53
7.09	8.53	P. M.	2.38	4.48	7.00	9.27
7.22	9.28	12.13	3.17	4.57	7.13	10.08
7.38	10.22	12.52	3.33	5.19	7.26	10.42

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February	Mrs. Shaw.	Miss Edes.
March	Miss Cary.	Miss H. J. Adam

Report of the Directors.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum present their twenty-second annual report.

April 1st, 1888, the Asylum had under its care		73
Added during the year		71*
		144
Died or left the Asylum		73†
In care of the Asylum, April 1st, 1889		71
At Asylum	22	
At Board	49	
		71

* State children, 15; Nurse's children, 24; Committee children, 32.
169 applications were made to the Committee. Of these 128 were rejected.

1	was too ill.
1	died before admission.
16	applications were withdrawn.
12	were refused on account of bad character of applicant.
39	applied for adoption only.
49	relatives could support the children.
6	were over 9 months old.
4	were born out of the the state.
128	
32	were admitted.
9	came with their mothers, wet-nurses.
169	

† Died	9
Adopted	16
Discharged with their mothers, wet-nurses	22
Taken by Parents (Committee children)	21
Sent to another Institution	1
Returned to State authorities	1
Discharged to the State, by request	2
Retained temporarily at the Asylum	1
	73

The work of the Asylum has been satisfactory during the past year.

There has been much less sickness than usual among the babies, and no contagious disease has appeared in the house. Notwithstanding the unhealthy summer, we lost but one child from cholera infantum, and the death rate for the entire year has been lower than ever before.

The Boarding Committee reports undiminished success in the Boarding-out system. 1st— In building up to health and vigor the feeble little creatures picked up on door-steps or by-ways, where they have been left by their unnatural parents. 2nd— In saving those brought to the Asylum by over-burdened mothers, to rescue them from certain death by starvation and drugs, the common lot of the baby boarded out by the poor mother, who must work out herself to support her family. 3rd — In finding good and happy homes by adoption. We thus see the satisfactory results of this system. We have also been fortunate in finding new boarding-places.

Our thanks are due to the physicians who have attended children in the different country towns where they are boarded.

The Committee on Adoption and Discharge have this year found homes for sixteen children, among whom there has been an unusual number of very young babies. They have all been legally adopted, and as we think into exceptionally good homes.

Many favorable instances of adoption have been quoted in past years, and we are constantly receiving gratifying reports from those into whose families children have been adopted.

Twenty-two children have been taken by their mothers, the most of whom have gone into homes in the country, where the mother can do general house-work and have the child with her. Seventeen have been taken by parents or relatives, who can now support them.

These latter cases seem most satisfactory, as for instance, a man who has lost his wife and has a large family, is in despair with the care of a baby in arms, but can easily provide for it when it is on its feet.

The Committee on Clothing have learned by experience to clothe the children much more economically than at first.

The only expense the Asylum incurs is for material. The cutting and making are both given.

We are always grateful for garments, both for the children and nurses, hand-knit stockings being especially needed for the former.

Within the Asylum there have been some changes during the year, the first of which was the unavoidable resignation of Miss Darling, the Second Matron, which took place in October, much to the regret of the Directors.

At the close of the year our valued Matron, Miss Bullard, owing to illness in her own family, was compelled to resign the position she had so efficiently filled for the past four years.

Her qualifications for the office were in many respects unusual. Her devotion to the babies has been untiring, her care and over-sight even extending to their condition and well-being after they have left the institution and been provided with homes.

Only those who have been associated with her in the work can appreciate our loss.

Miss Nutt, who was chosen Assistant Matron, to fill Miss Darling's place, having proved herself competent to carry on the work, has been promoted to the position of Matron.

The Treasurer's report will speak of the two bequests coming to us this year. The permanent fund, however is still far from being as large as is necessary for our constantly increasing expenses, and it is earnestly desired that

those who are interested in our work will aid us by increased and additional annual subscriptions.

In February occurred the death of our Treasurer, Mr. Philbrick. He has been identified with the Asylum almost from its begining.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Directors :

"*Resolved*, That the Massachusetts Infant Asylum has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. Edward S. Philbrick, who acted as its treasurer from the year 1872 down to the time of his death in February last, a period of some 17 years. That in him the Asylum has lost one who by the interest which he took in its welfare and the care, fidelity and wisdom with which he managed its finances as well as by the respect and confidence which he inspired in the community has contributed very much to its success."

For the Directors,

Charlotte G. Kennedy.

Report of the Medical Board.

The report of the medical board of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, will be a very short one, owing to the agreeable fact that the physicians have had very little to do there.

The health öf the house has been good, only four deaths having occurred.

There was no death in the Asylum from April 1st to October 26th, 1888, which is particularly gratifying as showing entire exemption from fatal cases of the "summer diseases" of children.

The health of the boarding children has also been exceptionally good. Of the five deaths recorded, only one was from cholera infantum.

The whole number of children cared for by the Asylum from April 1st, 1888 to April 1st, 1889, is 144. Number of deaths, 9. Percentage of mortality, 6¼, which is the lowest we have ever had, and certainly a very small one, if we consider that the greater number of children are not in a healthy condition at the time of admission.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

IN THE ASYLUM.

Marasmus, 2 ; Bronchitis, 1 ; Meningitis, 1.

AT BOARD.

Marasmus, 1 ; Bronchitis, 1 ; Phthisis, 1 ; Cholera Infantum, 1 ; Accident, 1.

The physicians join the directors in regretting the resignation of Miss Bullard, to whose fidelity and zeal much of the good results of the work are due.

For the Physicians,

Emma L. Call.

April, 1, 1889.

Dr. EDWARD S. PHILBRICK AND HENRY B. CABOT, *Treasurers*,

1888.			
April 1.	Balance as per last Report		$1,135.43
1889.			
April 1.	To receipts during the past year, as follows:		
	From Annual Subscriptions	$1,622 50	
	" Sundry Donations	95 00	
	" State of Massachusetts	5,230 51	
	" Mothers, for children's board	1,228 00	
	" Income of Lyman Fund	1,180 00	
	" " Clothing Fund	174 00	
	" " Cabot Fund	50 00	
	" " May Fund	20 00	
	" " Putnam Fund	150 00	
	" " Joy Fund	250 00	
	" " Unknown Friend Fund	136 00	
	" " Downes Fund	100 00	
	" " General Fund	500 00	
	" Interest on temporary loan	2 00	
	Total Current Receipts		$10,738 01
	From Legacy from Mrs. J. J. Dixwell	10,000 00	
	" " " George E. Downes	20,000 00	
	" Unknown Friend	1,000 00	
	Total large Gifts received during the year		31,000 00
	From payment of St. Louis City Bonds		2,000 00
	Borrowed		1,000 00
	Refunded by Bank		8 75
	Interest on 7 St. J. & Gr. Isl., bought flat		210 00
	Sale of right in Third National Bank		1 40
	" " Refrigerator and Lawn Mower		6 50
	Total Receipts		$46,100 09

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1889									
April 1.	INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS.								
CORA LYMAN FUND.—	8 Cambridge City Bonds,	6	per cent,	costing,	$7,740 00				
	4 Boston	"	"	4	"	"	4,420 00		
	9 Worcester	"	"	6	"	"	8,368 50		
								$20,528 50	
CLOTHING FUND.—	16 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R.					"	1,988 00		
	1 At., T. & St. F. R. R. Bond,	5	per cent.,			"	960 00		
								2,948 00	
CABOT FUND.—	1	"	"	"	"	5	"	"		960 00
MAY FUND.—	1 U. S. Consol,					4	"	"		593 13
PUTNAM FUND.—	3 At., T. & St. F. R. R.					"	5	"		2,887 50
JOY FUND.—	5	"	"	"	"	"	5	"		4,802 29
UNKNOWN FRIEND FUND.—	1	"	"	"	"	5	"	"	877 58	
	9 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R.					"	1,194 25		
	1 At., T. & St. F. Col. Tr. Bond,	5	per cent.,			"	932 50		
								3,004 33	
HOLLINGSWORTH FUND.—	Savings Bank Book					"		100 00	
DIXWELL FUND.—	7 St. J. & Gd. Isl. R. R. Bonds,	6				"		7,500 00	
DOWNES FUND.—	4 N. E. Mortg. (Sec.)				"	5	"	"	3,765 00	
	5 Oregon R. R. & Nav.				"	5	"	"	5,057 26	
	5 U. P., Linc. & Col. R. R.				"	5	"	"	4,781 25	
	55 Shares Third National Bank,							"	5,933 75	
								19,537 26	
GENERAL FUND.—	100 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R.					"	13,378 41		
	2 At., T. & St. F. R. R. Bonds,	5	per cent.,			"	1,929 79		
								15,308 20	
Land and Buildings, as per last report							43,950 74		
Furniture,	"	"	"	"			882 02	44,832 76	
Cash on hand								1,064 67	
								$124,066 64	

in Account with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1889.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during the past year:		
	For Salaries and Wages	$2,128 80	
	" Milk	475 58	
	" Provisions	1,253 58	
	" Ice, Tea, Coffee, and Water	180 66	
	" Clothing	223 54	
	" Fuel and Light	684 29	
	" Drugs and Medicine (including Horlick's Food)	130 89	
	" Repairs, Furniture and Utensils	250 87	
	" Stationery, Printing, etc.	94 80	
	" Express, Travelling Expenses, Collecting & Telephone	70 43	
	" Board Bills at Medford	1,190 58	
	" " " elsewhere	7,073 58	
	" Incidentals	145 33	
	" Interest	164 73	
	Total current expenses		$14,077 66
	For Investment, as follows:		
	For Clothing Fund,—16 Shares C. B. & Q.	1,988 00	
	" Unknown Friend Fund,—1 At., T. & St. F. Col. Tr. 5 per cent. Bond	932 50	
	" For Dixwell Fund,—7 St. J. & Gd. Isl.	7,500 00	
	" Downes Fund,—4 N. E. Mortg. (Sec.) Bonds	3,765 00	
	" " 5 Oregon R.R. & Nav. 5 per cent. Bonds	5,057 26	
	" " 5 U. P., Lin. & Col R.R. 5 " "	4,781 25	
	" " 55 Shares Third National Bank	5,933 75	
			29,957 76
	Loans repaid		1,000 00
	By balance cash on hand		1,064 67
			$46,100 09

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1889.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.		
April 1.	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman	$20,000 00	
	" Trustees of Miss Joy's Estate	5,000 00	
	" Subscriptions to Building Fund	15,700 42	
	" " " Clothing Fund	3,025 00	
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate	1,000 00	
	" Hollingsworth Gift	100 00	
	" Miss Putnam's Estate	3,000 00	
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate	500 00	
	" Unknown Friend	3,000 00	
	" Mrs. J. J. Dixwell's Estate	10,000 00	
	" Mr. George E. Downes' Estate	20,000 00	
			$81,325 42
	General Fund, as per last Report	45,857 55	
	Deduct excess of current expenses $14,077 66		
	over current receipts 10,738 01		
		3,339 65	
	And loss on 2 St. Louis City Bonds 3 33	3,342 98	
		42,514 57	
	Add int. on 7 St. J. & Gr. Isl. (bought flat)	210 00	
	" amount refunded by bank	8 75	
	" sale of right in Third National Bank	1 40	
	" " Lawn Mower and Refrigerator	6 50	
	General fund at present		42,741 22
			$124,066 64

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of Edward S. Philbrick and Henry B. Cabot, Treasurers of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1, 1889, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the Treasurers' hands as above stated.

ALEX. S. PORTER,
TUCKER DALAND, } *Auditing Committee.*

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George Wheatland, Jr. 5 00
Mrs. G. W. Wheeler 5 00
Mrs. Josiah Wheelwright ... 3 00
Mrs. J. W. Wheelwright 5 00
Mrs. J. C. White 3 00
Mrs. Henry Whitman 5 00
D. W. Williams 5 00
Miss Mary Williams 3 00
Mrs. R. C. Winthrop 10 00
Mrs. George Woodman 3 00
Miss E. F. Wright 10 00
Mrs. B. L. Young 10 00

Donations, 1888-89.

G. A. Gardner	$50 00
F. W. Hunnewell	25 00
H. G. D. Chase	5 00
Mrs. Holbrook	5 00
Miss H. H. Thwing	10 00
Legacy from Mrs. J. J. Dixwell	10,000 00
Legacy from Mr. Geo. W. Downes	$20,000
Gift from Unknown Friend, mentioned in last report,	1,000

A fourth contribution of $1,000 to the "Unknown Friend Fund," was made by our unknown friend, April 9, 1889.

Donations of Clothing, Etc.

A large box of partly worn clothing —from Home for Little Wanderers, Baldwin Place, Boston.

6 pairs knitted stockings — Mrs. M. B. Comyngs—Willow Cottage, Roxbury.

38 pairs knitted stockings, an infant's sack, 3 dozen nurses' aprons, and magazines — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

7 pairs stockings, 7 nightdresses, 5 infants' dresses—Mrs. G. H. Shaw, 1 Joy Street, Boston.

1 pair shoes, 2 pairs stockings for nurses, 7 pairs infants' stockings — Mrs. C. L. Peirson, 191 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

1 pair infant's shoes—Mrs. Frank Cordley.

A worsted sacque, 2 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. W. C. Williamson, 370 Marlboro' Street, Boston.

A large parcel of partly worn garments for babies—Mrs. C. P. Ware, Brookline.

5 dresses, 6 pairs drawers, 1 apron —Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, Roxbury.

5 pairs drawers, 20 chemises, 2 dresses, 1 pillow slip—Ladies' Union, Arlington-st. Church.

5 pairs knitted socks—Mrs. John H. Morrison, 44 Brimmer Street, Boston.

12 bibs, 9 shirts, 5 dresses, 3 flannel skirts, 2 wrappers and flannel pieces—Young Ladies' "Lend a Hand" Club, Boston.

Bundle of partly worn clothing, and fruit and vegetables many times—Mrs. Slocum, Jamaica Plain.

3 pairs knit stockings—Mrs. G. W. Wheeler, 373 Marlboro' Street, Boston.

1 bib and four flannel sacks—Mrs. Chas. Putnam, Arlington, Mass.

8 pairs socks, white dress and skirt, cloak and bonnet—Mrs. Richard C. Dixey.

25 long white dresses, 3 calico aprons — First Parish, Dorchester.

6 pairs knitted stockings—Mrs. E. W. Motley, 220 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

A large bundle of partly worn clothing—Mrs. Field, Boylston Station.

6 long dresses. 3 knit bands, 4 pairs knit socks—Mrs. E. L. Bennet, Park Street, Brookline.

A large, partly worn rug, for the awning — Miss P. G. Adam, Jamaica Plain.

9 pairs stockings—Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston, Mass.

2 large Afghans—Mrs. H. L. Higginson, 191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

18 Moody & Sankey hymn books—Miss M. R. Parkman, 31 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston.

Large bundle of flannel garments—Mrs. J. F. Andrew, Hereford Street, Boston.

A barrel of fruit — Mrs. D. S. Greenough, Jamaica Plain.

Large bundle of old linen—Mrs. J. J. Dixwell, Jamaica Plain.

A barrel of apples — Mr. Eustis Baker, West Dedham.

12 pairs socks, 2 knit sacks—Miss Charlotte Parsons, 91 Beacon Street, Boston.

2 knit bands—Miss Mary G. Ware, Boston.

6 infants' wrappers and work (making 51 pillow cases)—Needle Woman's Friend Society, Boston.

13 short calico dresses, 1 long white dress, 2 flannel nightdresses, 3 pairs stockings, 1 pair knit boots, and bib—Miss Georgina Lowell, 12 Fairfield St., Boston.

12 cambric dresses for children—Channing Circle of Arlington-Street Church.

4 knit jackets—Miss A. S. Everett, Roxbury, Mass.

Youths' Companion, for the year—Miss C. L. Ware, 23 North Avenue, Cambridge.

8 bottles lime water—Mr. Arthur Lyman, Brookline.

2 flannel skirts, 16 white slips, 18 cambric slips—St. Paul's Employment Society, Boston.

A dress for each nurse's child, 4 pairs stockings—Mrs. Dwight Foster, 44 Fairfield Street, Boston.

2 pairs infants' socks—Mrs. Calvin Rogers, North Billerica, Mass.

A turkey for Thanksgiving—Anna C. Lowell, Roxbury.

2 chickens — Miss C. L. Ware, 23 North Avenue, Cambridge.

Christmas Donations.

A turkey—F. Ganter & Co., Boylston Station.

Large package of cards — Prang & Co.

A turkey, dress for each nurse and servant, a toy for each child, and confectionery—Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

TWENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Massachusetts Infant Asylum,

PRESENTED TO THE CORPORATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

APRIL 8, 1890.

BOSTON:
SMITH & PORTER, PRINTERS, SPRING LANE.
1890.

Officers of the Corporation, 1890-91.

President.

JOHN F. ANDREW, 32 Hereford Street, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

ABBOTT LAWRENCE LOWELL, 50 State Street, Boston.

SAMUEL CABOT, 70 Kilby Street, Boston.

Treasurer.

H. B. CABOT, 113 Devonshire Street, Boston.

Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

HENRY M. SPELMAN, 50 State Street, Boston.

Directors.

Miss Phebe G. Adam	Bishop Street, Jamaica Plain.
Miss Helen J. Adam	" " " "
John F. Andrew	32 Hereford Street, Boston.
Mrs. John C. Bancroft	61 Mount Vernon Street, Boston.
Samuel Cabot	70 Kilby Street, Boston.
Henry B. Cabot	113 Devonshire Street, Boston.
Miss Anne P. Cary	64 Beacon Street, Boston.
Mrs. James B. Case	120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Mrs. Algernon Coolidge	81 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Tucker Daland	Fisher Avenue, Brookline.
Mrs. Dwight Foster	44 Fairfield Street, Boston.
Mrs. Henry L. Higginson	191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Rev. Henry F. Jenks	Canton.
Mrs. F. A. Kennedy	Cambridge.
Abbott Lawrence Lowell	50 State Street, Boston.
Mrs. F. W. G. May	127 State Street, Boston.
Miss Mary R. Parkman	31 Mount Vernon Street, Boston.
Mrs. Charles L. Peirson	191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Alexander S. Porter	27 State Street, Boston.
Wm. L. Putnam	50 State Street, Boston.
Miss Maria A. Revere	Canton.
Mrs. G. Howland Shaw	1 Joy Street, Boston.
Henry M. Spelman	50 State Street, Beston.
Miss Anne H. Thwing	65 Beech-Glen Street, Roxbury.
Miss C. L. Ware	Cambridge.
Mrs. A. Davis Weld, Jr.	Forest-Hills Street, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. Geo. W. Wheeler	373 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Francis H. Williams, M. D.	Hotel Victoria, Dartmouth St., Boston.
Mrs. W. C. Williamson	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.

Standing Committees.

Admission.

Miss Thwing.
Miss Parkman.
Mr. Daland.

House.

Mr. Lowell.
Mrs. Foster.
Mrs. Weld.
Dr. Williams.
Miss H. J. Adam.

Business with City and State.

Mr. Daland.
Mr. Jenks.
Mr. Lowell.
Mr. Putnam.

Boarding.

Miss Ware.
Mrs. Case.
Mrs. Williamson.
Mrs. May.
Mrs. Wheeler.
Mrs. Kennedy.

Adoption and Discharge.

Mr. Lowell.
Mrs. Coolidge.
Mr. Putnam.
Miss Revere.
Mrs. Shaw.

Clothing.

Mrs. Peirson.
Mrs. Kennedy.
Mrs. Wheeler.

Finance.

Mr. Andrew.
Mr. Lowell.

Auditors.

Mr. Porter.
Mr. Daland.

Matron.

Miss M. McKean.

Assistant Matron.

Miss A. Fisher.

Physicians.

Attending.

Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlboro' Street.

Dr. Helen B. Carpenter, 41 Union Park. Dr. H. W. Broughton, Green St., Jamiaca Plain.

Consulting.

Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlboro' Street.

Visitors.

April	Mrs. Peirson.		Miss Adam.
May	Mrs. Kennedy.		Miss Ware.
June	Mrs. May.		Miss Parkman.
July			Miss Thwing.
August	Miss Revere.		
September			
October	Mrs. Foster.		Mrs. Kennedy.
November	Mrs. Wheeler.		Mrs. Williamson.
December	Mrs. Case.		Mrs. Coolidge.
January	Miss Thwing.		Mrs. Weld.
February	Mrs. Shaw.		
March	Miss Cary.		Miss H. J. Adam

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum

Is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron, at the Asylum; or to any member of the Admission Committee.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine month's old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock, P. M.

BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD.

Trains Leave Boston,—

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
6.30	8.20	12.10	2.40	5.05	6.25	9.15
6.45	9.00	12.30	3.15	5.25	6.35	10.15
6.55	9.35	1.15	3.30	5.40	7.00	10.30
7.05	10.10	1.20	4.02	5.55	7.35	11.15
7.30	10.40	2.10	4.30	6.05	8.00	11.32
8.05	11.35	2.25	4.50	6.15	9.00	

Leave Boylston Street,—

A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
6.24	7.48	10.58	1.38	3.42	6.04	7.40
6.29	7.58	11.53	1.49	4.14	6.18	8.04
7.03	8.22		2.18	4.32	6.28	8.53
7.09	8.53	P. M.	2.38	4.48	7.00	9.27
7.22	9.28	12.13	3.17	4.57	7.13	10.08
7.38	10.22	12.52	3.33	5.19	7.26	10.42

Horse Cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

Report of the Directors.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum herewith present their twenty-third annual report.

April 1st, 1889, the Asylum, had under its care		71
Added during the year		82*
		153
Died or left the Asylum		81†
In care of the Asylum, April 1st, 1890		72
At Asylum	20	
At Board	52	
		72

* State Children, 10; Nurses' Children, 40; Committee children, 32.

134 Applications were made to the Committee. Of these 102 were rejected.

- 24 were not heard from after making application.
- 23 applied for adoption only.
- 15 relatives were found able to help support.
- 16 were referred to other agencies.
- 10 parents were found to be undeserving.
- 5 applicants were unwilling to give references or details of their life.
- 4 were over nine months.
- 3 died before admission.
- 1 had a contagious disease.
- 1 was born out of the State.

102

† Died	7
Adopted	18
Discharged with their mothers, wet-nurses	35
Taken by Parents (Committee Children)	15
Sent to another institution	2
Returned to State authorities	1
Retained temporarily at the Asylum	3
	81

In all institutions, changes from time to time must come, and the one principal change in our "Infant Asylum" is in regard to our connection with the State.

In past years the State has given into our care a much larger number of infants than at the present time;—of course with the reduction of the number of children sent to us, comes also the reduction of our receipts,—the receipts in dollars and cents. Certainly, it is the desire of the Directors of our Asylum to do in the future, as large an amount of active work as ever before; in order to do this the Asylum must have the means to work with. Not that the least discouragement is felt,—all and each of the Directors are as ready to work now as ever before, but, as in ancient times, "bricks could not be made without straw," so even now with this work of ours, we must have the means to carry on the labor.

The Boarding Committee are all ready with plenty of nice homes to board the children outside of the Asylum. Never before have there been better opportunities for good boarding places; as soon as one place is given up another one is ready; at this very time the Committee on Boarding know of five new most excellent homes, and they only wait for the opportunity of having children to send to them.

The Admission Committee have numbers of applications to admit children, and we could at once more than fill up our Asylum if we could only be sure of sufficient help to warrant the expense. As the work of our Asylum has gone on from year to year, we have had every reason to suppose that the community have felt more and more confidence in what was at first, an experiment. Now, it is very rarely and only from those who do not understand the working of the Asylum, that we hear outside questionings of the good or bad influences coming from such a work: and not only has an impression of good gone forth to those who are the most interested in all good works, but the

people themselves, the mothers of the children for whom the Asylum is intended, have been awakened to know and understand the true worth of this home for their little ones; and this is shown by the women themselves seeming to have a better knowledge of our rules; or it may be, that we now have a better class of applicants, more adapted to meet our requirements. Certainly such an institution as our Infant Asylum, is as much needed today, as ever; and however much the State, with its full force can do for the babies coming under its care, a private Asylum, a home with loving hearts to protect and watch over these little helpless ones, such a home is a blessing to the community.

This past year we have lost by death a true friend to our Asylum, Mr. Thomas C. Amory. For many years Mr. Amory was a most devoted worker in our behalf; he came very regularly to our meetings and often presided over our councils. As one after another of our older members leave, we can but trust that their places may be filled by those who may truly seek to be guided with equal wisdom.

We have also to record the death of one of our devoted physicians, Dr. Lucy E. Sewell. Certainly no one connected with the working of the Infant Asylum for many years past, can have failed to realize the devotion of Dr. Sewell to the best interests of our Asylum; always ready to lend a listening ear to the smallest detail of any case, and to give as much attention to one of our little Asylum babies, as to a seemingly much more important patient outside of our home; not only gentle and loving to the little sufferer, but giving out from her own great abundance, knowledge and strength to those who shared the responsibility with her. As long as Dr. Sewell felt any hope for the life of her little patient, she had the power of inspiring the same hope in those who worked with her; and this surely helped in the case for the little one. We would

offer our heartfelt thanks that the children of our Asylum have been so truly blessed in having had such a devoted friend; we cannot but recall words, spoken many years ago,— "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

It was reported at the end of our last year that our faithful matron, Miss Bullard had resigned, and that Miss Nutt had taken her place. Miss Nutt had worked for us for several months, and had proved herself in all respects devoted to the children and to the whole household, but this was only for a short time. Miss Nutt was taken very seriously ill with pneumonia and died at the Asylum after only a few days illness. Her death was so sudden that a number of the Directors had not even heard of her being ill.

In Miss Nutt's place we have been very fortunate in securing the services of one who has had much experience in Hospitals as well as Asylums. Miss McKean has been with us only for a few weeks, but we are already assured that she is proving of much value to our Asylum.

In the past year eighteen of our children have been been adopted into most excellent families. This work of the Admission Committee involves a very great responsibility. No child is given away without a thorough knowledge of the home where the child is to live; great pains are taken to find out so far as possible, concerning the father and mother who are to adopt the child; all applications are refused, if the results of the investigations are not proved to be what is required.

The Clothing Committee, one of the most important committees of the Asylum, have done a good work the past year. They still ask for help, and would be glad if churches and sewing circles would give them a helping hand; the Committee never spend any money for making garments; they spend only for the material, and gifts of new or old garments are always acceptable.

The Physician's report will tell of the good condition

and of the general health of the children during the past year; we have great reason to be thankful that we have had so little serious sickness. Plenty of watchful care, good air, and good food are certainly what our Infant Asylum children have for their needs.

And now at the close of another year's report, we would not forget to express our sincere gratitude to all who have helped us in this needful work; what help could there be more full of truer promise than lending a helping hand to those who are so helpless; and when we remember that in the future these very infants are to be men and women in our midst, and the services rendered them now, are to influence their entire future lives, we must see to it, that not one of these little ones in our power to save should perish.

For the Directors,

MARTHA R. MAY.

Physicians' Report.

Within a few weeks the Infant Asylum has lost one of its earliest and most devoted friends. Dr. Lucy E. Sewell was for twenty years a visiting, and for three years a consulting physician, ready at all times to give to the Asylum devoted and thoughtful service. Even during the last few years, though too ill to do active work, its affairs were among her greatest interests.

The amount of sickness in the Asylum in the course of the year has not been particularly small, but the only epidemic was the Influenza, which attacked both nurses and children, without leaving however, any fatal consequences.

On the other hand, the mortality among the children has been even lower than last year's. But seven children have died. Of these, only two came under the immediate care of the physicians of the Asylum, the other five having died at boarding places. Of these two deaths, one, of tubercular meningitis, came as an inheritance from one of the child's parents; the other, marasmus, carried off one of twins that had always been weakly and gradually faded away.

The deaths of the children at board are reported to have come from convulsions, cholera infantum, meningitis, bronchial pneumonia and gastro-intestinal catarrh, so that only one death occurred from any one of the ordinary summer diseases, the last mentioned one having occurred in March.

At the beginning of the year there were seventy-one children in the Asylum, and eighty-two were admitted during the year, making 153 altogether, so that the percentage calculated on the whole number of children would amount to 4.57 per cent. The average population of the Asylum, however, has been about seventy (many of the babies having staid but a short time), and calculated on that basis, about

ten per cent. of the children have died. As a matter of fact, neither of these methods gives a fair way of estimating the percentage of death, because on the one hand the whole number during the year appears to represent a much larger population than we really had, and on the other hand, the most dangerous time for children is during their first weeks or months. After that time they are comparatively safe. Thus the children died after entering at the following periods :

Case 1, one day.
" 2, three days.
" 3, thirty days.
" 4, four months, twenty days.
" 5, eight months, sixteen days.
" 6, fourteen days.
" 7, one month, twenty-four days.

As far as these statistics go, therefore, they show that only two-sevenths of the babies are in danger of dying after they have been in the care of the Asylum one month.

At any rate it is plain that our mortality, particularly for the past few years, has been extraordinarily low, deaths from preventable diseases having especially diminished.

We must hope to maintain this low mortality, but it is hardly possible that we should do so.

Respectfully submitted for the Physicians,

CHARLES P. PUTNAM.

Dr. HENRY B. CABOT, *Treasurer*,

1889.			
April 1.	Balance as per last Report		$1,064 67
1890.			
April 1.	To receipts during the past year, as follows :		
	From Annual Subscriptions	$1,469 50	
	" Sundry Donations	97 71	
	" State of Massachusetts	4,480 98	
	" Mothers, for children's board	942 70	
	" Income of investments	3,991 62	
	Total Current Receipts		$10,982 51
	From Unknown Friend	1,000 00	
	" Executors of Nathaniel Merriam	11,273 15	
	" " " Sidney Bartlett	2,500 00	
	" " " Elizabeth S Bennett	1,000 00	
	" " " William Wilkins Warren	5,000 00	
	Total of large Gifts received during the year		$20,773 15
	Sale of $500 United States Consol Bond	645 00	
	Sale of 26 shares Third National Bank	2,683 00	
	Exchanged nuder circular of October 15, 1889.		
	$ 1,000 At., T. & St. F. Col. Tr. Bond, 5 per cent. }		
	12,000 At., T. & St. F., 5 per cent. of 1920 }	10,023 79	
	1,000 At., T & St. F., 5 per cent of 1920	785 37	
	Sale of $7,200 At., T. & St. F., income 5 per cent.	4,076 50	
	Sale of 560 At., T. & St. F., income 5 per cent.	327 50	
	Sale of 302.29 A., T. & St. F., first Mortgage 4 per cent.	250 66	18,791 82
	Total		$51,612 15

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1890.				
April 1.	INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS.			
CORA LYMAN FUND.—	8 Cambridge City Bonds, 6 per cent., costing,	$7,740 00		
	4 Boston " " 4 " "	4,420 00		
	9 Worcester " " 6 " "	8,368 50		
				$20,528 50
CLOTHING FUND.—	16 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. "	1,988 00		
	$1,000 C. B. & N., first Mtg. 5 per cent., "	1,030 00		
				3,018 00
CABOT FUND.—	$1,000 C. B. & N., first Mtg. 5 " "	1,002 50		1,002 50
MAY FUND.—	5 Shares Third National Bank "	458 50		458 50
PUTNAM FUND.—	$3,000 C. B. & N., first Mtg. 5 per cent., "	3,112 50		3,112 50
JOY FUND.—	6,500 At., T. & St. F. 1st., 4 per cent., valued at			5,333 90
UNKNOWN FRIEND FUND.—	1,000 At., T. & S. F., 1st, 4 per cent., costing	820 60		
	9 Shares C. B. & Q. "	1,194 25		
	20 " " " " " "	2,675 68		
				4,690 53
HOLLINGSWORTH FUND.—	Savings Bank "	100 00		100 00
DIXWELL FUND.—	7 St. J. & Gd. Isl. R. R. 6 per cent., "	7,500 00		
	5 Shares Third National Bank "	458 50		
				7,958 50
DOWNES FUND.—	4 N. E. Mtge. (Sec.) 5 per cent. Bonds, "	3,765 00		
	5 Oregon R. R. & Nav. 5 per cent. Bonds, "	5,057 26		
	5 U. P., Linc. & Col. R. R. 5 per cent. Bonds, "	4,781 25		
	55 Shares Third National Bank, "	5,933 75		
				19,537 26
MERRIAM FUND.—	$10,000 Mortgage in Seattle, "			10,000 00
WARREN FUND.—	$5,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge, 5 per cent., "			5,150 00
BARTLETT FUND.—	$1,000 C. B. & N. 1st Mtge., 5 per cent., "	1,037 50		
	1,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge, 5 per cent., "	1,030 00		
				2,067 50
GENERAL FUND.—	80 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R., "			10,702 73
Land and Buildings as per. last report			43,950 74	
Furniture, " " " "			882 02	44,832 76
Cash on hand				437 72
				$138,930 90

in Account with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

April 1, 1890.	By amounts paid during the past year:		
	For Salaries and Wages	$2,195 88	
	" Milk	512 92	
	" Provisions	1,229 14	
	" Ice, Tea, Coffee and Water	131 79	
	" Clothing	194 23	
	" Fuel and Light	757 71	
	" Drugs and Medicines (including Horlick's Food)	190 32	
	" Repairs, Furniture and Utensils	395 37	
	" Stationery and Printing	151 94	
	" Express, Travelling Expenses, Collection & Telephone	78 21	
	" Board Bills at Medford	793 36	
	" " Elsewhere	7,329 86	
	" Incidentals	121 04	
	" Box at Safe Deposit Vaults	30 00	
	" Paris Exhibition, expenses of	25 27	
	" Interest	265 73	
			$14,402 77
	" Investments, as follows:		
	" 36 Shares Third National Bank	3,600 00	
	" $1,000 C. B. & N., 1st Mortgage, 5 per cent.	1,030 00	
	" 10,000 Mortgage in Seattle, W. T.	10,000 00	
	" 1,000 C. B. & N., 1st Mortgage, 5 per cent.	1,002 50	
	Received in exchange under circular of October 15, 1889.		
	For $7,250 At., T. & St. F., 1st Mortgage, 4 per cent.	5,945 00	
	" 7,200 " " " income 5 per cent.	4,076 50	
	" 550 " " " 1st Mortgage, 4 per cent.	785 37	
	" 560 " " " income, 5 per cent.		
	" 2.29 Scrip " " 1st Mortgage, 4 per cent.	2 29	
	" 4,000 C., B. & N., 1st Mortgage, 5 per cent.	4,150 00	
	" 6,000 Union Pac, Omaha Bridge, Renewal 5 per cent.	6,180 00	
			36,771 66
	Balance on hand		437 72
			$51,612 15

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1890.	SOURCES OF PROPERTY.				
April 1,	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman			$20,000 00	
	" Trustees Miss Joy's Estate			5,000 00	
	" Subscriptions to Building Fund			15,700 42	
	" " " Clothing "			3,025 00	
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate			1,000 00	
	" Hollingsworth Gift			100 00	
	" Miss Putnam Estate			3,000 00	
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate			500 00	
	" Unknown Friend			4,000 00	
	" Mrs. J. J. Dixwell's Estate			10,000 00	
	" Mr. George E. Downe's Estate			20,000 00	
	" Nathaniel Merriam Fund			10,000 00	
	" Sidney Bartlett Fund			2,000 00	
	" Wm. Wilkins Warren Fund			5,000 00	
					99,325 42
	General Fund, as per last Report			42,741 22	
	Current Expenses		14,402 77		
	Current Receipts		10,982 51		
	Excess of Expenses over receipts		3,420 26		
	Loss on At., Topeka and St. F. Securities		2,540 50		
			5,960 76		
	Gain on sale of $500 U. S. Consul	51 87			
	Surplus of Merriam Gift over fund	1,273 15			
	" " Bartlett " "	500 00			
	Gift of Mrs. Bennett	1,000 00	$2,825 02	3,135 74	
	General fund at present				39,605 48
					$138,930 90

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account of Henry B. Cabot, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1st, 1890, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the Treasurer's hands as above stated.

TUCKER DALAND,
ALEX S. PORTER, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

Life Members.

"Any person desiring to be a life member may become so by paying fifty dollars or more."—*Extract from By-Laws.*

Mrs. John Q. Adams,
Mrs. F. L. Ames,
Mrs. Oliver Ames, Sr.,
William Amory,
Mrs. John F. Andrew,
Mrs. Adams Ayer.

John C. Bancroft,
Mrs. Sidney Bartlett,
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9 dozen shoes, 2 baby carriages, dress and trimmings for each nurse's child — Mrs. D. S. Greenough, Centre Street, Jamaica Plain.

3 pairs stockings — Mrs. C. L. Peirson, 191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

1 knit jacket — Miss A. S. Everett, Roxbury, Mass.

1 pair stockings, 5 small diapers, 6 cotton night gowns, 1 knitted sack, 2 pairs baby's socks, 5 knit bands — Mrs. E. L. Bennet, Brookline.

24 pairs stockings — Mrs. Charles C. Smith, 286 Marlborough Street, Boston.

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31 print slips, 8 flannel skirts, 3 night gowns — Young Ladies' "Lend a Hand" Club, Boston.

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12 diapers, 12 dresses — Clothing Committee.

2 flannel petticoats — "Lend a Hand Club."

3 pairs stockings, 7 pairs knitted stockings—Mrs. W. C. Williamson, 370 Marlborough Street, Boston.

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2 knit bands — Mrs. Ware, Lancaster.

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12 pairs baby socks, 3 pairs carriage robes, 3 sacks — Mrs. C. Parsons, 398 Beacon Street, Boston

1 turkey — Miss A. C. Lovell, Roxbury.

4 pairs knitted stockings, 3 Harper's magazines, 20 pairs stockings — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

12 dresses — Channing Circle, Arlington Street Church, Boston.
20 cambric dresses — Mrs. Martin Brimmer, 47 Beacon Street, Boston.
Sheets — "Lend a Hand Club," Longwood.
1 carriage robe, 3 bonnets, 2 cloaks, 1 bib, 1 sack, 2 shirts, 4 bands, 1 pair slippers, 2 print dresses — Longwood Club.
1 bib — a friend.

Christmas Donations.

1 turkey, 12 oranges — F. Ganter & Co., Boylston Station.
2 dozen oranges — S. S. Pierce & Co., Boston.
Large package of cards — L. Prang & Co.
A dress for each nurse and servant and toy for each baby — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston,
Handkerchiefs for each nurse — Miss C. L. Ware, 23 North Avenue, Cambridge,
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Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to the Admission Committee, at Charity Building, Chardon Street, Boston, Room 48, Mondays and Thursdays from two to four o'clock P. M.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock P. M.

Trains leave the Park Square Station of the Providence Division of the Old Colony Railroad for Boylston Station at frequent intervals.

Horse-cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

THE Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum herewith present their twenty-fourth annual report:

April 1st, 1890, the Asylum had under its care		72
Added during the year		65*
		137
Died or left the Asylum		77†
In care of the Asylum, April 1st, 1891		60
		137
At Asylum	23	
At Board	37	
	60	

* Nurses' Children, 34; Committee children, 31.

168 Applications were made to the Committee. Of these 137 were rejected.

12	were not heard from after making application.
24	applied for adoption only.
22	relatives could help support.
39	referred to other agencies.
16	parents found undeserving.
3	unwilling to give references.
6	over nine months.
6	born out of the State.
6	State cases.
3	Hospital cases.
137	

† Died	7
Adopted	4
Discharged with the mothers, wet nurses	22
Taken by parents (Committee Children)	41
Returned to State authorities	3
	77

We again appeal to our friends for aid and encouragement in our efforts to save infant life and to help the mothers themselves to save their children. We have now come to a crisis which compels us to make an urgent appeal for help, failing which help, we see no resource but to largely surrender our work.

During many years about half of our yearly income, roughly speaking, has consisted of money paid us by the State of Massachusetts for the board of infants which it has placed in our care. These infants were formerly doomed to destruction, until, at the invitation of the State, the Massachusetts Infant Asylum came to the rescue, and as a pioneer in the problem of saving infant life, by the introduction of new systems and methods, proved to the public and the State that it was not necessary that these little ones should perish.

Profiting by the methods and experience of the Asylum, and with all the resources and machinery of the State at its disposal, the State Board believes now that it can take care of State cases more conveniently and reasonably than it can board them in a private asylum, and it has, therefore, this year, withdrawn the last of the State infants from our care.

While we are thankful to know that our Asylum has done a great work in saving infant life, and in showing the State, which has now largely adopted our methods, how to do the same, we hardly need say that our mission is not ended because we no longer have the charge of the State infants, whose care made only a portion of our work. The field occupied by the Asylum and the State is not the same, the aim of our Asylum being fundamentally different and distinct from that of the State, in that we reach a class of mothers and infants which, as we shall show farther on, does not belong to the pauper class cared for by the State. The final withdrawal, however, this year, of the last of the State children, curtails our income by some four or five thousand dollars — the amount we received for the board of these children; and this loss so seriously cripples our

resources that we have been obliged to stop admitting any more infants for the present, unless in some exceptional case of emergency.

The heaviest part of our expenses, namely, the maintenance of our house with its incidental expenses of heating, light, repairs, etc., and the cost of keeping an efficient corps of wet nurses, will be very slightly lessened by the withdrawal of the State children, while the loss of the money which comes to us with them will seriously limit our resources. If, therefore, the public desires us to extend our aid to other children in the place of the State children, for whom our help is no longer asked, we must beg it to express its will by aiding us in some way to make good the deficiency made in our income. The period which, of the whole time of our care of the children, costs us most, is the time during which they are in the Home itself. During this period the expense for each child is about five dollars per week; whereas when, later, they are at board in homes outside, the expense for each child is only about four dollars per week. In fine, the amount of money expended on children in the Home itself will, as we have said, care for much fewer children than the same amount expended for them at board. The Home, however, seems to be an indispensable part of our care of children, and the expense of it cannot be materially lessened without practically closing it. As our diminished income will only little more than suffice to maintain the Home itself, we are therefore, by lack of funds, debarred from the half of our work in which the least expenditure will do the most good.

Do our friends feel enough interest in our work to save us from being obliged to give up the greater part of it? We believe that we complete our mission of saving infant life by making the infants whose lives we save into exceptionally fine, healthy children, and that, by insisting upon keeping up to a high standard in this respect, we benefit equally the community and the State. We are glad to welcome, in the State, a friendly rival in the good work of

nurturing into healthy children the large class in the community of destitute babies which appeals to the compassion of all merciful people. We believe that only by exceptional care, such as our Asylum gives to the infants under its charge, can we build up such healthy children as we claim that our Asylum sends out into the world. Our standard is a high one; but we believe that to maintain it is worth to the public all that it costs. In preserving the life of a delicate baby apart from its mother, we have learned by experience that it must be wet-nursed, at least for a time. The Asylum's death rate was high for two or three years, until we introduced wet nurses for the youngest and most delicate babies.

The maintenance of wet nurses in the Asylum proper, while it causes our care of infants to be somewhat expensive, also largely helps to give us the healthy babies of which we are so proud, and helps to make our death rate lower than has ever been known before in any infant asylum in any country. We claim that the Massachusetts Infant Asylum still does a work that is not done by any other institution, although some other institutions and associations now share with us a part of the work that we for many years have done alone. There are Homes that will board a well-paying wet nurse's baby, or that will take a baby for a few weeks when a mother is ill, or in some other emergency, or that will take a baby to give away for adoption; but we believe that no other Home that succeeds in saving infant life combines these three things — taking such young infants as we take, keeping them for so long a time, and keeping them for such low board as very poor mothers can pay. We, however, think it best for the mother, even when very poor, to pay a small sum towards her baby's board, even if only twenty-five cents per week, unless in cases of illness or other emergency.

By ceasing to take the State foundlings, we shall no longer have children to give away for adoption, our object being to help a mother keep, not give away, her child. But

as we have said before, a large proportion of the women whose infants we have saved have never been "State cases," or paupers; that is, they do not belong to the class that comes upon the State for support. They are merely very poor working-women, struggling hard to support themselves and their infants, and struggling harder to save their infants' lives against greater hindrances and discouragements than more fortunate mothers can know. Our Asylum, we believe, helps this class of very poor mothers to save their infants to a greater extent and by more various methods adapted to their differing circumstances than any other asylum does. Of course, if women are able to earn large wages, they can afford to provide for their infants by boarding them in Homes provided by more than one institution, or in private families; but if the mother can only earn low wages, or has several children to support, our Asylum's plan has always been to give the preference, when we have few vacancies, to the infant of the more destitute, rather than to the infant of the more prosperous mother, and, as we said before, to charge in such cases lower board than other asylums generally charge. We board the infant of the wet-nurse also, but not to the exclusion of the infant of the more needy mother.

Again, if the mother is too ignorant and inexperienced to succeed in living at service in a private family, she can often support her baby by entering our Asylum with it, as a wet nurse; and she and her baby are given several months of excellent training. She is thus prepared to earn a living for her now well-trained infant by being able to go to service with it in some small private family in the country — the best method we know of for providing for both mother and child.

There are ladies who make it an especial work to find such homes for destitute mothers and infants; and our Asylum has done good work in training many a mother, and last, not least, many a baby, for such homes. We are happy to add that our Asylum this year has not lost its reputation as a good training-school and happy home for

both babies and nurses under the faithful care of our efficient Matron, Miss McKean, and our Assistant Matron, Miss Fisher.

In order to show the kind of work that our Asylum does, and the variety of circumstances in which the poor babies are placed whom we succor, we will give a few illustrations taken from the first handful of our "Records of Cases" that we happened to take up:

1. The mother an American woman, with excellent references; deserted by her husband; two young children; the Asylum boarded her baby for fifty cents per week, until it was two years old, thus allowing the mother to go to work.

2. The parents respectable Americans; in debt from much illness; the mother suddenly obliged to enter hospital for surgical operation; the Asylum wet-nursed her baby for twenty-five cents per week.

3. Young unmarried mother; devoted to her baby; suddenly called upon to wet-nurse a very sick baby in a private family, thereby saving its life; her own infant was wet-nursed at our Asylum.

4. The parents had excellent references; the father Scotch, brass polisher; the mother died, leaving eight children; the baby a few days old; eldest girl five years; eldest boy, seventeen; no relatives in this country; the father anxious to keep his family together; too poor to hire help. For three weeks the father took care of his baby at night, his little boys taking care of it by day, while the father and eldest boys worked; the Asylum then wet-nursed it for twenty-five cents per week.

5. A friendless young Scotch girl, unmarried and deserted; devoted to her baby; the Asylum boarded it for seventy-five cents per week, until the mother had learned to be an experienced domestic and could afford, when the Asylum discharged baby at two years old, to pay $2.00 per week for it at a boarding-place recommended by the Asylum.

6. The mother an excellent woman; had been ill a long time; the father unable to get work; the family destitute;

the baby suffering greatly for want of care which the bed-ridden mother was utterly unable to give it; the Asylum kept it several months, and at its mother's death found it a good home.

7. The mother unmarried and deserted; no relations in Boston; a tailoress; obliged to board her baby in order to work; baby delicate, requiring wet-nursing; the Asylum boarded it until two years old, when its grandmother in Prince Edward Island consented to send for and take it home.

8. Young Irish-American mother; unmarried and deserted; entered Infant Asylum as wet nurse, with her baby; after learning there to take good care of it by several months' faithful service, she took a place in a private family with it, and when last heard from had been there many months, doing well.

9. American mother, who died leaving baby a few weeks old; only relative able to provide for it, its grandfather, who had no one at home to take care of it, and who begged the Asylum to board it until it should be two years old, when he could better take it home.

10. The parents respectable, hard-working people; the mother broke down with nervous prostration; her physician begged us to board her very delicate baby, who was from birth slightly paralyzed, and required care that the sick mother was unable to give; the care of the family, including six other children, came chiefly upon the eldest daughter, a girl of fifteen years. The Asylum boarded the baby until it was two years old, when it was returned to its devoted family a fine, healthy child.

11. The mother left suddenly a widow; American; excellent references; six children; eldest, ten years; youngest, twins, two weeks old; the mother able to earn six dollars per week by cleaning offices; the grandmother took home three children; the mother's sister took her home with one child and one twin baby; the Asylum wet-nursed the other twin

for fifty cents per week, and kept it for two years, when the mother gladly took it home.

12. A young American girl; betrayed and deserted; a life-long sufferer from asthma; has never in her life been able to lie down at night, often passing the night struggling for breath, but has always worked hard; never failed for two years to pay fifty cents per week to the Asylum for her baby's board. Her relations were always urging her to give her child away; one day, utterly discouraged, she told one of our directors she must do so, but returned next week and said she had hardly slept since, and believed she should go insane if obliged to part with her child. "All I have in the world," she said. The Asylum kept her baby two years, until old enough for her to board him in a children's Home.

We hope our friends in their pleasant homes, and especially happy mothers surrounded by their children, will help us to continue our work of saving their children to such mothers as these, whose more or less forlorn and painful lives we have here tried to give some idea of to more fortunate women. Many a disheartened mother, almost wrecked in the hard struggle of life, implores us to help her to save some little child, "all she has in the world." Such petitions cannot be shut out from even the most happy and sheltered home. Such work as ours is never ended.

For the Directors,

Mary R. Parkman.

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

The health of the Asylum during the past year has been upon the whole excellent. In the course of the year 137 children have been under our care. Of these only seven have died, or five per cent of the whole number. This is a low death rate, especially when we remember that in the community at large there has been an unusual amount of sickness and death from epidemic "influenza" and other causes. The causes of death were two cases of broncho-pneumonia, resulting in abscesses which perforated into the pleural cavity; one of pneumonia; one of pleuro-pneumonia, with deep cervical abscess; one of asphyxiation; and two of marasmus. Four of the deaths, it is thus shown, were from acute pulmonary disease.

Of the two cases of marasmus, the first died at board; the second was that of a child four weeks old, who was admitted in a desperate condition. She lived but a week. Early in the year a great many of the babies were observed to be very pale. A number of them had slight eruptions, sore fingers, and running at the ears. Several of the nurses, too, had sores and pustules on the hands, eyelids, and other parts of the body. At the end of the first month five babies were attacked, all in a short space of time, with bronchitis and pneumonia. They were all very ill with almost identical symptoms. Two died; the rest recovered. The post-mortem examination showed that a great many little abscesses had formed in the lungs, and had perforated into the pleural cavity, giving rise to fatal pleurisy. Just at this time it had been discovered that the uniform dresses of the nurses, which were all quite new, contained large quantities of arse-

nic. The physician on duty at the time believed that all these symptoms were attributable to the arsenic. In fact, after the dresses had been out of use for a few weeks, the symptoms were no longer observed.

In conclusion, one important fact ought to receive especial comment, namely, the complete absence during the year of serious diarrhœa. In former years enteritis and diarrhœal diseases were the main causes of mortality. The continued freedom from such diseases for another year is important.

HENRY W. BROUGHTON,

April, 1891. *For the Physicians.*

Dr. HENRY B. CABOT, *Treasurer*,

1890.				
April 1.	Balance on hand as per last year's report			$437 72
1891.				
April 1.	To receipts during year as follows:			
	Annual subscriptions	$1,386 00		
	Sundry donations	60 00		
	From State of Massachusetts for board of children	2,065 71		
	" Mothers for board of children	1,390 68		
	Repayment of board of children over 2 years old paid by Asylum,	65 44		
	Income from Funds:			
	Lyman Fund	1,180 00		
	Clothing "	126 00		
	Cabot "	50 00		
	May "	32 35		
	Putnam "	150 00		
	Unknown Friend Fund	177 75		
	Downes Fund	1,056 15		
	Dixwell "	452 35		
	Merriam "	285 00		
	Bartlett "	75 00		
	Joy "	260 00		
	Warren "	125 00		
	General "	380 00		
	Total current receipts			9,317 43
	Large gifts renewed during year:			
1890.				
April.	From unknown friend			1,000 00
	Sales of property:			
May.	Sale of C. B. & Q. rights	$118 75		
August.	Seattle mortgage paid	10,000 00		
1891.				
Mar. 6.	Sale of $3,000 U. P., Lin. & Col. bonds	2,242 50		
Feb. 6.	From note payable	1,500 00		13,861 25
	Total			$24,616 40

Dr. *General Property Account of the*

1891.				
April 1.	INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS			
CORA LYMAN FUND.—	$8,000 Cambridge City Bonds, 6 per cent., costing,	$7,740 00		
	$4,000 Boston " " 4 " "	4,420 00		
	$9,000 Worcester " " 6 " "	8,368 50		
			$20,528 50	
CLOTHING FUND.—	16 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. "	$1,972 80		
	$1,000 C. B. & N., first Mtg. 5 per cent., "	1,030 00		
			3,002 80	
CABOT FUND.—	$1,000 C. B. & N., first Mtg. 5 " "		1,002 50	
MAY FUND.—	5 Shares Third National Bank "		458 50	
PUTNAM FUND.—	$3,000 C. B. & N., first Mtg. 5 per cent., "		3,112 50	
JOY FUND.—	$6,500 At., T. & St. F. first Mtg. 4 per cent., valued at		5,333 90	
UNKN'N FR'ND F'D.—	$1,000 At., T. & St. F. first Mtg. 4 per cent., valued at	$820 60		
	$1,000 C. B. & N. first Mtg. 5 per cent., costing,	1,037 50		
	$1,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Renewal, 5 per cent., costing	1,030 00		
	20 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. costing,	2,656 68		
			5,544 78	
HOLLINGSWORTH FUND.—	Savings Bank Book		100 00	
DIXWELL FUND.—	$10,000 Chicago Real Estate Agent & Decl. of Trust, 65 per cent., paid		6,500 00	
DOWNES FUND.—	$4,000 N. E. Mtg. (Sec.) 4 per cent. costing,	$3,765 00		
	$7,000 St. J. & Gd. Isl. R. R. 6 per cent. "	7,500 00		
	$2,000 U. P., Lin. & Col. R. R. 5 per cent., "	2,012 50		
	60 Shares Third National Bank "	6,392 25		
			19,669 75	
WARREN FUND.—	$5,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Renewal, 5 per cent., costing,		5,150 00	
MERRIAM FUND.—	80 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. "		10,626 73	
BARTLETT FUND.—	$2,000 Oregon R. R. & Nav. 5 per cent. "		2,022 90	
GENERAL FUND.—	9 Shares C. B. & Q. R. R. "	$1,185 70		
	$3,000 Oregon R. R. & Nav. 5 per cent. "	3,034 36		
Land and Buildings as per last report		43,950 74		
Furniture " "		882 02		
			49,052 82	
Cash on hand			2,271 80	
			$134,377 48	

in Account with the MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1891.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during year as follows:		
	For Salaries and wages	$2,291 66	
	" Milk	621 67	
	" Provisions	1,682 03	
	" Ice, Tea, Water, etc.	135 22	
	" Clothing	352 10	
	" Fuel and Lighting	635 90	
	" Drugs and Medicines	185 97	
	" Repairs, Furniture, Utensils and Materials	2,010 97	
	" Stationery and Printing	217 55	
	" Express, Traveling Expenses, Telephone & Collections	70 25	
	" Incidentals	168 16	
	" Funeral Expenses	21 00	
	" Doctors' Bills	5 00	
	" Board of Children at Medford	277 60	
	" " " " Elsewhere	6,893 77	
	" Rent of Box at U. S. Safe Deposit Vaults	30 00	
	" Insurance	225 00	
	" Interest	20 75	
	Total current receipts		$15,844 60
	Securities bought during year as follows:		
Nov., 1890.	65 per cent. on Chicago Real Estate Agent & Decl. of Trust		6,500 00
	Cash on hand		2,271 80
			$24,616 40

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1891.	LIABILITIES AND SOURCES OF PROPERTY.		
April 1.	From Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lyman		$20,000 00
	" Trustees of Joy Estate		5,000 00
	" Subscriptions to Building Fund		15,700 42
	" " " Clothing "		3,025 00
	" Mrs. Dr. Cabot's Estate		1,000 00
	" Hollingsworth Gift		100 00
	" Miss Putnam "		3,000 00
	" Mrs. Samuel May's Estate		500 00
	" Unknown Friend		5,000 00
	" Mrs. J. J. Dixwell's Estate		10,000 00
	" Executors of Nathaniel Merriam		10,000 00
	" " " Sidney Bartlett		2,000 00
	" " " Wm. Wilkins Warren		5,000 00
	" " " George E. Downes		20,000 00
	General Fund, as per last Report	$39,605 48	
	Excess of current Expenses over current receipts . $6,527 17		
	Loss on sale of $3,000 U. P., L. & C. bonds . . 526 25	7,053 42	
	General fund at present		32,552 06
	Note at Massachusetts National Bank due April 1		1,500 00
			$134,377 48

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of Henry B. Cabot, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1, 1891, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated.

ALEX S. PORTER, }
TUCKER DALAND, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

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Gift from "Unknown Friend," mentioned in last report, $1,000.00

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, Etc.

4 knit shirts — Mrs. E. D. Rogers.

18 dresses, 2 flannel nightdresses, 4 flannel skirts, material for 14 bathing towels — Mrs. G. H. Shaw, 1 Joy Street, Boston.

12 pairs knit stockings, 25 muslin caps for babies, 12 yards of cap material for head nurse, 12 yards of ruffling for caps, 2 dozen bananas, 2 dozen boxes of strawberries, 4 flannel skirts — Mrs. F. A. Kennedy, Cambridge.

3 pairs knit stockings — Mrs. C. L. Peirson, 191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

1 baby carriage — Mrs. Henry H. Reed, Newton Centre.

1 baby carriage — Mrs. S. M. Dalton, 250 Newbury Street, Boston.

1 baby carriage — A. L. Simmermen, 81 Chester Square, Boston.

1 baby carriage — Dr. Lawrence, Townsend Street, Roxbury.

1 baby carriage — Mrs. Phinney, Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain.

1 baby carriage — Unknown Friend, Taunton, Mass.

2 hoods, 1 knit sack, 1 knit afghan, 2 skirts, 3 flannel double gowns — Mrs. Edwin Fork, Jamaica Plain.

2 nightdresses, 19 diapers, 5 pairs drawers, 10 knit skirts, 9 pairs knit stockings, several Harper's Magazines, 12 pairs stockings — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

6 print dresses, 6 dresses — Channing Circle, Arlington Street Church.

Apples and beans — Mrs. Slocum, Jamaica Plain.

4 outside baby garments — Mrs. L. A. Daloz, Dorchester.

2 chickens, 3 pairs stockings, 12 bibs — Miss C. L. Ware, Cambridge.

1 baby cloak — Unknown Friend.

25 yards cheese cloth — Unknown Friend.

1 bassinet — Mrs. R. G. Shaw, 130 Beacon Street, Boston.

4 white bed-spreads — Miss A. P. Cary, 34 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

2 large bundles bed linen — Miss H. J. Adam, Bishop St., Jamaica Plain.

1 turkey — Miss A. C. Lowell, Roxbury.

3 knit sacks, 12 pairs socks — Miss C. Parsons, 398 Beacon Street, Boston.

1 baby carriage, doll's cradle all furnished, small table, small rocking-chair — Mrs. Ewen, 169 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester.

8 pairs knit stockings — Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston, Mass.

2 baby carriages — Mrs. D. W. Mason, 9 Highland Street, Hyde Park.

2 new baby carriages — Mrs. A. H. Rice, Jerusalem Road, Nantasket, Mass.

Large bundle of clothing — Mrs. H. S. Snow, Hancock Street, Boston.

Christmas Donations.

A dress for each nurse and servant and a toy for each baby, 1 turkey — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

Handkerchief for each nurse — Miss C. L. Ware, Cambridge.

1 turkey — Frank Gauter.

Half dozen oranges, 1 pound mixed nuts — J. H. Nelson.

Package of cards — L. Prang & Co.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Admission.

Miss Parkman.
Mr. Daland.
Miss Cary.

House.

Mrs. Weld.
Miss Cary.

Business with City and State.

Mr. Daland.
Mr. Putnam.
Mr. Curtis.

Boarding.

Mrs. Case.
Mrs. Williamson.
Mrs. May.
Mrs. Wheeler.
Mrs. Coolidge.

Adoption and Discharge.

Mrs. Coolidge.
Mr. Putnam.
Miss Revere.
Mrs. Shaw.

Clothing.

Mrs. Peirson.
Mrs. Wheeler.

Finance.

Mr. Curtis.
Mr. Jenks.

Auditors.

Mr. Porter.
Mr. Daland.

Matron.

Miss M. McKean.

Attending Physicians.

Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlborough Street.
Dr. Helen B. Carpenter, 41 Union Park.
Dr. H. W. Broughton, Gordon Street, Jamaica Plain.

Assistant Attending.

Dr. Arthur P. Perry, Gordon Street, Jamaica Plain.

Consulting Physicians.

Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlborough Street.
Dr. Arthur T. Cabot, 3 Marlborough Street.

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April	Mrs. Peirson,	Miss Adam.
May	Mrs. Williamson,	Mrs. Pearmain.
June	Mrs. May,	Miss Parkman.
July	Mrs. Weld,	Mrs. Weld.
August	Miss Revere,	Miss Parkman.
September		
October		Mrs. Williamson.
November	Mrs. Wheeler.	
December	Mrs. Case,	Mrs. Coolidge.
January		
February	Mrs. Shaw,	Miss Cary.
March	Miss Cary.	

THE MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM

Is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Division of Old Colony Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to the Admission Committee, at Charity Building, Chardon Street, Boston, Room 48, Mondays and Thursdays from two to four o'clock P. M.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock P. M.

Trains leave the Park Square Station of the Providence Division of the Old Colony Railroad for Boylston Station at frequent intervals.

Horse-cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

THE Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum herewith present their twenty-fifth annual report: —

April 1, 1891, the Asylum had under its care,	60	
Added during the year	52*	
		112
Died or left the Asylum	67†	
In care of the Asylum, April 1, 1892 . .	45	
		112
At Asylum 27		
At Board 18		
	45	

* State Children, 0; Nurses' Children, 23; Committee Children, 29.

137 Applications were made to the Admission Committee. Of these 103 were rejected.

- 2 were hospital cases.
- 2 died before admission.
- 14 applications were withdrawn.
- 20 were refused on account of unsatisfactory character of applicants.
- 27 applied for adoption only.
- 11 relatives could support children.
- 2 born out of the State.
- 2 were too old.
- 3 were State cases.
- 15 could be otherwise provided for.
- 5 referred to other agencies.

103

- 22 were admitted as Committee Children.
- 12 were admitted with their mothers, wet nurses.

137

† Died	5
Adopted	4
Returned to State authorities	1
Discharged with their mothers, wet nurses	27
Taken by parents (Committee Children)	30
	67

Another year's experience serves to strengthen the conviction of the Directors that there is a larger field for the work of our Asylum than our present means will enable us to cover.

Miss Parkman's very full and satisfactory statement of our position in her report of last year, represents so accurately our present position that we are moved to present it again. It combines in an admirable manner both a report of the facts of the last few years and a most moving appeal for means to continue the good work. Our record of health during last summer was a most remarkable one ; there having been no deaths among the infants, no summer trouble and no occasion to consult a doctor from the middle of May to the end of August, while the average number of children in the Asylum during the summer months was twenty-four. Also during the autumn and winter months the epidemic cold was not generally severe, either with the nurses or with the children. In the summer the children were much out of doors.

The only change we have made in last year's report is to substitute new illustrations taken from our records of cases in place of those there given.

REPORT OF 1891.

"We again appeal to our friends for aid and encouragement in our efforts to save infant life and to help the mothers themselves to save their children. We have now come to a crisis which compels us to make an urgent appeal for help, failing which help, we see no resource but to largely surrender our work.

During many years about half of our yearly income, roughly speaking, has consisted of money paid us by the State of Massachusetts for the board of infants which it has placed in our care. These infants were formerly doomed to destruction, until at the invitation of the State, the Massachusetts Infant Asylum came to the rescue, and as a pioneer in the problem of saving infant life, by the introduction of

new systems and methods, proved to the public and the State that it was not necessary that these little ones should perish.

Profiting by the methods and experience of the Asylum, and with all the resources and machinery of the State at its disposal, the State Board believes now that it can take care of State cases more conveniently and reasonably than it can board them in a private asylum, and it has, therefore, withdrawn the last of the State infants from our care.

While we are thankful to know that our Asylum has done a great work in saving infant life, and in showing the State, which has now largely adopted our methods, how to do the same, we hardly need say that our mission is not ended because we no longer have the charge of the State infants, whose care made only a portion of our work. The field occupied by the Asylum and State is not the same, the aim of our Asylum being fundamentally different and distinct from that of the State, in that we reach a class of mothers and infants which, as we shall show farther on, does not belong to the pauper class cared for by the State. The final withdrawal however, of the last of the State children, curtails our income by some four or five thousand dollars — the amount we received for the board of these children ; and this loss so seriously cripples our resources that we have been obliged to stop admitting any more infants for the present, unless in some exceptional case of emergency.

The heaviest part of our expenses, namely, the maintenance of our house, with its incidental expenses of heating, light, repairs, etc., and the cost of keeping an efficient corps of wet nurses, will be very slightly lessened by the withdrawal of the State children, while the loss of the money which came to us with them seriously limits our resources If, therefore, the public desires us to extend our aid to other children in the place of the State children, for whom our help is no longer asked, we must beg it to express its will by aiding us in some way to make good the deficiency made in our income. The period which, of the whole time of our care of the children,

costs us most, is the time during which they are in the Home itself. During this period the expense for each child is about five dollars per week; whereas when, later, they are at board in homes outside, the expense for each child is much less. In fine, the amount of money expended on children in the Home itself will, as we have said, care for much fewer children than the same amount expended for them at board. The Home, however, seems to be an indispensable part of our care of children, and the expense of it cannot be materially lessened without practically closing it. As our diminished income only little more than suffices to maintain the Home itself, we are therefore, by lack of funds, debarred from the half of our work in which the least expenditure will do the most good.

Do our friends feel enough interest in our work to save us from being obliged to give up the greater part of it? We believe that we complete our mission of saving infant life by making the infants whose lives we save into exceptionally fine, healthy children, and that, by insisting upon keeping up to a high standard in this respect, we benefit equally the community and the State. We are glad to welcome, in the State, a friendly rival in the good work of nurturing into healthy children the large class in the community of destitute babies which appeals to the compassion of all merciful people. We believe that only by exceptional care, such as our Asylum gives to the infants under its charge, can we build up such healthy children as we claim that our Asylum sends out into the world. Our standard is a high one; but we believe that to maintain it is worth to the public all that it costs. In preserving the life of a delicate baby apart from its mother, we have learned by experience that it must be wet-nursed, at least for a time.

The maintenance of wet nurses in the Asylum proper, while it causes our care of infants to be somewhat expensive, also largely helps to give us the healthy babies of which we are so proud, and helps to make our death rate lower than has ever been known before in any infant asylum in any country. We claim that the Massachusetts Infant Asylum

still does a work that is not done by any other institution, although some other institutions and associations now share with us a part of the work that we for many years have done alone. There are Homes that will board a well-paying wet nurse's baby, or that will take a baby for a few weeks when a mother is ill, or in some other emergency, or that will take a baby to give away for adoption; but we believe that no other home that succeeds in saving infant life combines these three things — taking such young infants as we take, keeping them for so long a time, and keeping them for such low board as very poor mothers can pay. We, however, think it best for the mother, even when very poor, to pay a small sum towards her baby's board, even if only twenty-five cents per week, unless in cases of illness or other emergency.

By ceasing to take the State foundlings, we no longer have children to give away for adoption, our object being to help a mother keep, not give away, her child. But, as we have said before, a large proportion of the women whose infants we have saved have never been "State cases," or paupers; that is, they do not belong to the class that comes upon the State for support. They are merely very poor working women, struggling hard to support themselves and their infants, and struggling harder to save their infants' lives against greater hindrances and discouragements than more fortunate mothers can know. Our Asylum, we believe, helps this class of very poor mothers to save their infants to a greater extent and by more various methods adapted to their differing circumstances than any other asylum does.

Of course, if women are able to earn large wages, they can afford to provide for their infants by boarding them in Homes provided by more than one institution, or in private families; but if the mother can only earn low wages, or has several children to support, our Asylum's plan has always been to give the preference, when we have few vacancies, to the infant of the more destitute, rather than to the infant of the more prosperous mother, and, as we said before, to charge in such cases, lower board than other asylums generally charge.

We board the infant of the wet-nurse also, but not to the exclusion of the infant of the more needy mother.

Again, if the mother is too ignorant and inexperienced to succeed in living at service in a private family, she can often support her baby by entering our Asylum with it, as a wet nurse; and she and her baby are given several months of excellent training. She is thus prepared to earn a living for her now well-trained infant by being able to go to service with it in some small private family in the country — the best method we know of for providing for both mother and child.

There are ladies who make it an especial work to find such homes for destitute mothers and infants; and our Asylum has done good work in training many a mother, and last, not least, many a baby, for such homes. We are happy to add that our Asylum has not lost its reputation as a good training-school and happy home for both babies and nurses, under the faithful care of our efficient matron, Miss McKean."

In order to show the kind of work that our Asylum does, and the variety of circumstances in which the poor babies are placed whom we succor, we give a few illustrations taken from the first handful of our "Records of Cases" that we happened to take up. These, as we have already stated, are new cases which we have substituted for those given in last year's report.

1. The parents very poor. The mother had a paralytic shock. The physician recommended that she should be removed to the City Hospital. No relations able to care for the child. The mother's recovery was hoped for, if she could have proper care. The child was taken by the Asylum.

2. The mother was far gone in consumption. The father's mother able to take care of the older children with the help of the father, but, being old, she was unable to take the baby also. Both parents had good references.

3. The mother, unmarried, was deserted by the father, whose residence is unknown. She left her home and went to

the hospital in McLean Street, where she died, leaving this infant. The grandfather begged us to keep the child until it was older, when he hoped to make a home for it. He cannot do so now, his wife being dead. He says he will do his best, so we board it for a dollar a week till he can take it home

4. The mother unmarried. Baby delicate, needing wet nursing. The mother worked hard and did her best for the baby. When the child was fourteen months old, she took it with her to a place in Somerville.

5. The mother, apparently, deserted by her husband, who went to sea December, 1890. The baby born at Boston City Hospital, while the mother was ill with typhoid fever. Baby weighed two pounds when born. It was cared for for eight months by nurses at the City Hospital. The child was blind, but very attractive and bright. The mother is at service, and has one other child to support, for whom she must pay two dollars a week.

6. The mother, not married, comes of respectable people. She was a hard working, respectable girl up to the time of her fall. She loves her child, and promises to do her best for it, if she can have temporary help from the Asylum now. Later, the grandmother expects to take the child home, as soon as she can arrange to do so.

7. Twins. The mother had good references; she was deserted by a drunken and brutal husband. When the twins were accepted the mother had one other child. One twin died, being very small and weak when admitted; the other is doing well.

8. The father of this child is an invalid; he has trouble of the lungs, works when he can, but is constantly liable to break down. The mother can get work at the Waltham Watch factory. Has a little money saved, and can pay two dollars a week; she feels badly to be obliged to put her baby at board, but sees no other way.

9. The mother, a hard working woman, unmarried, at service, with good references, deserted by the father of the child. She had refused offers which would have obliged her to part

with the child, and had faithfully supported it since its birth, five months before it came to the Asylum. She pays for it two dollars a week, from her wages of two dollars and a half. She came to the Asylum in distress, because she discovered that the nurse, with whom she lately placed it, drank, and also drugged the child. It was, therefore, advisable to take it without delay.

10. The father is left, by the death of his wife, with three small children, and being lame, is not able to earn high wages. He earns seven dollars a week, and has to pay for the board and clothing of the other children.

11. The child is one of twins. The mother deserted; a devoted mother; has never wished to give up either of her children; she went to work, with one child, for a dollar a week. The other is cared for by the Asylum.

12. The mother, unmarried, loves her child and promises to work and support it. She is only seventeen and seems too young and inexperienced to go to work with her child. Her aunt, a poor woman, promises to help her to pay the board, until she is able to pay it herself.

"We hope our friends in their pleasant homes, and especially happy mothers surrounded by their children, will help us to continue our work of saving their children to such mothers as these, whose more or less forlorn and painful lives we have here tried to give some idea of to more fortunate women. Many a disheartened mother, almost wrecked in the hard struggle of life, implores us to help her to save some little child, 'all she has in the world.' Such petitions cannot be shut out from even the most happy and sheltered home. Such work as ours is never ended."

We despair of stating our case more strongly. On the one hand it will not do to encroach too far upon our unrestricted capital; much of which is invested in the form of permanent funds; indeed we can only do so to a limited extent of some $18,000 as the expenditure of the greater portion of our endowments is restricted, and by the terms of the gifts the

income only is available. On the other hand it is hard to refuse cases of present need because of our limited means.

In closing this report we wish to express our appreciation of the assistance rendered during the past year by the various sewing circles which have interested themselves in our work, and also to pay our tribute to the zeal and faithful attendance of the physicians who have visited our infants both at the Home and at their country boarding places.

For the Directors,

MARY L. COOLIDGE.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

The health report of the Infant Asylum for the past year does not differ materially from those of the three years preceding.

There has been no epidemic among either children or nurses, and comparatively little disease of any sort, notwithstanding that very many cases of scarlet fever and whooping cough have occurred in this vicinity.

No deaths, or serious illness even, have been reported of the boarding children, though there were two cases of measles and two of scarlet fever among them.

On the 1st of April, 1891, there were sixty children under the care of the Asylum, and during the year fifty-two were admitted, making one hundred and twelve in all.

There have been five deaths from the following causes: —

Pneumonia	2
Cholera Infantum	1
Tubercular Meningitis	1
Marasmus	1

Only one of these children was perfectly well when admitted.

The case of cholera infantum was a boarding child, who being taken suddenly ill, was returned to the Asylum and died.

These deaths are less than five per cent of the whole number in the Asylum during the year, about the same as for the last two years, and a very low percentage for an institution of this character.

The immunity from the diseases incident to summer is due in large measure to the sterilized milk and cream mixture used to supplement breast feeding, and largely also to the excellent care and judgment of the matron, Miss McKean, and her assistant.

For the Physicians,

Arthur P. Perry.

Dr. HENRY B. CABOT, *Treasurer*,

1891.				
April 1.	Balance on hand, as per last annual account rendered			$2,271 80
1892.				
April 1.	To receipts during the year, as follows: —			
	Annual subscriptions		$1,355 50	
	Sundry small gifts		215 00	
	From State of Massachusetts for board of children		342 30	
	" Mothers for board of children		1,099 50	
	Refunded by Walworth Manufacturing Company	$120 07		
	" " others	1 13		
			121 20	
	Income from Funds, as follows: —			
	Cora Lyman Fund		1,205 50	
	Clothing "		131 60	
	Cabot "		50 00	
	May "		37 25	
	Putnam "		140 55	
	Unknown "		242 00	
	Downes "		1,167 05	
	Dixwell "		475 20	
	Merriam "		383 20	
	Bartlett "		100 00	
	Joy "		260 00	
	Warren "		250 00	
	General "		150 00	
	Hollingsworth "		164 43	
	Current receipts for the year			7,890 28
1891.				
April	Gift from unknown friend, to be added to fund			1,000 00
May 17.	Note discounted at Massachusetts National Bank			1,965 83
Aug. 15.	Sale of $1,500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent			1,486 25
Sept. 17.	Borrowed of Massachusetts National Bank			2,000 00
Oct. 6.	Sale 10 shares C. B. & Q. Railroad			997 50
Nov. 17.	" 16 " " "			1,572 00
"	Borrowed of Directors			500 00
1892.				
March 4.	Sale $,1000 City of Worcester 6 per cents, due April 1, 1892			1,000 00
				$20,683 66

Dr. *General Property Account of*

1892.				
April 1.	Cora Lyman Fund — $8,000 City of Cambridge, 6 per cent, due July, 1882		$7,740 00	
	$4,000 City of Boston, 4 per cent		4,420 00	
	$8,000 City of Worcester, 6 per cent, due April 1, 1892		7,438 67	
	Cash awaiting investment		500 00	
				$20,098 67
	Clothing Fund — 16 shares Chic. Bur. & Quin. Railroad		$1,972 80	
	$1,000 Chic. Bur. & Nor. 1st m. 5 per cent		1,030 00	
				3,002 80
	Cabot Fund — $1,000 Chic. Bur. & Nor. 1st m. 5 per cent			1,002 50
	May Fund — 5 shares Third National Bank			458 50
	Putnam Fund — $1,500 Chic, Bur. & Nor. 1st m. 5 per cent		$1,556 25	
	$1,000 Oregon R. R & Nav. Consol., 5 per cent		1,011 45	
				2,567 70
	Joy Fund — $6,500 At., T. & St. Fe, 1st m. 4 per cent			5,333 90
	Unknown Friend Fund — $1,000 At., T. & St. F., 1st m. 4 per cent	$820 60		
	$1,000 Chic. Bur. & Nor. 1st m. 5 per cent	1,037 50		
	$1,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Renewal, 1st m. 5 per cent	1,030 00		
	20 shares Chic. Bur. & Quin. Railroad	2,656 68		
	$1,000 Oregon R. R. & Nav. Con., 5 per cent	1,011 45		
			6,556 23	
	Hollingsworth Fund — Suffolk Savings Bank, deposit in			100 00
	Dixwell Fund — Chicago Real Est. Agm't and Decl. of Trust			10,000 00
	Downes Fund — $4,000 N. E. Mort. Sec. 5 per cent		$3,765 00	
	$7,000 St. J. & Gd. Isl. 1st m. 6 per cent		7,500 00	
	$2,000 U. P. Linc. & Col. 5 per cent		2,012 50	
	60 shares Third National Bank		6,392 25	
	$1,000 Oregon R. R. & Nav. Consol., 5 per cent		1,011 46	
				20,681 21
	Warren Fund — $5,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Ren. 5 per cent			5,150 00
	Merriam Fund — 63 shares Chic. Bur. & Quin. Railroad			8,359 85
	Bartlett Fund — $2,000 Oregon R. R. & Nav. Consol., 5 per cent			2,022 90
	General Fund — Land and buildings		43,950 74	
	Furniture		882 02	
				44,832 76
	Sundry cash			382 78
				$130,549 80

1892.				
April 1.	By amounts paid during the year, as follows: —			
	Salaries and wages		$1,994 31	
	Milk		617 75	
	Provisions		1,284 35	
	Ice, tea, water, etc.		88 55	
	Clothing		88 02	
	Fuel, lighting, etc.		663 87	
	Drugs and medicines		141 31	
	Repairs, furniture, utensils, and materials		378 49	
	Stationery and printing		93 06	
	Express, travelling, and telephone		53 86	
	Incidentals		100 01	
	Funeral expenses		21 50	
	Board of children at Medford		2 50	
	" " elsewhere		4,757 30	
	Two years' rent of box at Union Safe Dep. Vaults		60 00	
	Interest		16 00	
	Current expenses for year			$10,300 88
1891.				
April 7.	Note at Massachusetts National Bank paid			1,500 00
May 14.	Last installment on the Chic. Agm't and Decl. of Trust			3,500 00
Sept. 17.	Note at Massachusetts National Bank paid			2,000 00
Oct. 16.	One-half note " " " "			1,000 00
Nov. 17.	Repaid money borrowed of Directors			500 00
" 19.	Last half of note at Massachusetts National Bank paid			1,000 00
1892.				
April 1.	Cash on hand			882 78
				$20,683 66

Massachusetts Infant Asylum. *Cr.*

1892.				
April 1.	Cora Lyman Fund			$20,000 00
	Joy "			5,000 00
	Building "			15,700 42
	Clothing "			3,025 00
	Hannah Cabot "			1,000 00
	Hollingsworth "			100 00
	Putnam "			3,000 00
	May "			500 00
	Unknown Friend Fund			6,000 00
	Mrs. J. J. Dixwell "			10,000 00
	Nathaniel Merriam "			10 000 00
	Sidney Bartlett "			2,000 00
	Wilkins Warren "			5,000 00
	G. E. Downes "			20,000 00
	General Fund as per last report		$32,552 06	
	Excess of current expenses over receipts	$2,410 60		
	Loss on sale $1,500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent,	70 00		
	" " 26 shares C. B. & Q. R. R.	883 08		
	" by discount of note	34 17		
		$3,397 85		
	Gain by sale $1,000 City of Worcester 6 per cent	70 17		
			3,327 68	
	General Fund at present			29,224 38
				$130,549 80

BOSTON, April 12, 1892.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of Henry B. Cabot, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1, 1892, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated.

ALEX. S. POTTER.
TUCKER DALAND.

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

LIFE MEMBERS.

"Any person desiring to be a life member may become so by paying fifty dollars or more." — *Extract from By-Laws.*

Mrs. John. Q. Adams.
Mrs. F. L. Ames.
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Mrs. John F. Andrew.
Mrs. Adams Ayer.

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Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
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Martin Brimmer.
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Mrs. T. J. Coolidge.
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Augustus Flagg.
John M. Forbes.
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Mrs. Franklin Greene.
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Mrs. Charles P. Hemenway.
F. L. Higginson.
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H. H. Hunnewell.

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Franklin King.

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Miss Anna C. Lowell.
Mrs. John Lowell.
A. T. Lyman.

Mrs. A. T. Lyman.
Theodore Lyman.

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Miss Ida M. Mason.
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1 doll, 1 afghan, 1 skirt — Mrs. John Lowell, 24 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

2 pairs partly worn shoes, 1 pair partly worn slippers, 11 diapers — Miss Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

6 chemises, 3 pairs drawers, 2 night-dresses — Mrs. Edward Motley, 22 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

3 knit skirts, 13 pairs stockings, "Harper's Magazine" — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

12 chemises, 2 night-dresses, 2 pinafores, 20 yards unbleached cotton cloth, 3 calico aprons, unbleached cotton waist lining and pieces of cotton — Arlington Street Church, Ladies' Union.

4 pairs stockings, 2 boxes of strawberries, 2 dozen bananas, box of toys, 8 yards of cap muslin, rug for n's room — Mrs. F. A. Kennedy, Cambridge, Mass.

2 pair stockings, 1 pair knit stockings, — Mrs. C. L. Peirson, 191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

33 infants' dresses — First Church, Dorchester.

3 dozen diapers, work on 15 dozen diapers, 6 dozen night gowns, 7 dozen skirts, 2 dozen short petticoats, 1 dozen wrappers, 79 bibs — Mrs. H. L. Higginson, 191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

1 baby carriage — Mr. H. E. Darling, Arlington, Mass.

1 baby carriage — Mrs. Louis Brown, Brookline, Mass.

1 baby carriage — Mrs. W. H. Dunbar, Whitmore, Mass.

1 pair knit stockings — Mrs. C. L. Peirson, 191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

4 dozen dresses, 1 pair stockings, 1 worsted sacque — Eliot Church, Dorchester.

6 dozen pairs knit stockings — Benevolent Society, Weston.

2 knitted bands — Mrs. John Ware.

Examination of Sugar of Milk — Dr. Davenport.

19 short dresses, 20 print wrappers, 20 print dresses, 21 long skirts, 1 bib, 2 night dresses, 34 diapers, 2 outing-

cloth dresses — Miss E. R. Guild, President of Ladies' Sewing Circle, 42 Fairfield Street, Boston.

77 dresses — Miss E. K. Robinson, President of Southboro Charitable Society.

8 pairs new stockings, 7 pairs partly worn, 12 yards muslin, 1 woolen dress, partly worn, 1 outside garment partly worn, 2 caps — Mrs. E. C. Stone, Northampton, Mass.

3 knit sacks, 7 pairs baby socks, 2 pairs of knit stockings — Miss C. Parsons, 398 Beacon Street, Boston.

12 knit bands, partly worn, 2 cashmere socks, partly worn — Mrs. S. K. Bertrove, West 75th St., New York.

75 infants' dresses — Mrs. Martin Brimmer, 47 Beacon Street, Boston.

7 pairs knit stockings — Mrs. Theodore Lyman, Heath St., Brookline.

20 infants' dresses, 2 calico aprons — Benevolent Society, First Parish, Dorchester.

6 pairs stockings — Mrs. Warner, Jamaica Plain.

$5 to nurses — Miss Mary R. Parkman.

Apples and vegetables through the summer — Mrs. I. Slocum, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Work on 35 aprons — Universalist and Orthodox Society, Canton, Mass.

20 long dresses — Mrs. E. W. Wash.

25 pairs slippers, 17 pairs shoes — A. H. Tuttle, 435 Washington Street, Boston.

Christmas Donations.

1 turkey — F. Ganter & Co., Boylston Station.

Choice package of cards and large scrap book — L. Prang & Co, Roxbury, Mass.

Turkey, a dress for each nurse and servant, and toy for each baby — Mrs. J. B. Case, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

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March	Miss Cary.	

THE MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.

THE Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of the Boylston Station, on the Providence Division of Old Colony Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to the Admission Committee, at Charity Building, Chardon Street, Boston, Room 48, Mondays and Thursdays, from two to four o'clock P.M.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock P.M.

Trains leave the Park Square Station of the Providence Division of the Old Colony Railroad for Boylston Station at frequent intervals.

Electric cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every fifteen minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum herewith present their Twenty-sixth Annual Report: —

April 1, 1892, the Asylum had under its care	45
Added during the year	57 *
	102
Died or left the Asylum	58 †
In care of the Asylum April 1, 1893	44
	102
At Asylum	19
At Board	25
	44

* 151 applications were made to the Admission Committee. Of these, 108 were rejected.
2 were hospital cases.
2 died before admission.
19 applications were withdrawn.
10 were refused on account of unsatisfactory character of applicants.
36 applied for adoption only.
16 relatives could support children.
1 born out of the State.
2 were too old.
6 were State cases.
12 could be otherwise provided for.
7 referred to other agencies.

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109

26 were admitted as Committee Children.
16 were admitted with their mothers, wet-nurses.

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151

† Died	4
Adopted	2
Returned to State authorities	0
Discharged with their mothers, wet-nurses	25
Taken by parents (Committee Children)	27
	58

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum submit their Twenty-sixth Annual Report. The history of this year's work is most quiet and uneventful; but, on the whole, much more satisfactory than we feared that it would be at the beginning of the year. Then we were depressed by the loss of half our income, the State having decided to try for their infants the boarding-out system independently of us. Now, by the kindness of friends who came to our assistance, and helped us pay the board of the children out of the house, we show the good record of one hundred children under our care during the year, with only four deaths.

Here we would make an appeal to our subscribers and persons interested in saving infant life for added assistance in money. Any sum given regularly for board enables us to add to our boarding children. We pay two dollars and a half a week for each child at board. Every mother pays something toward the board of her child, but rarely more than one dollar and a half a week, and from that down to twenty-five cents a week, so that any sum that helps make up the two dollars and a half is very important to us. We are also very glad to have any friend responsible for an individual child, whom he or she can visit, and really learn to know and care for.

The expenses of the Asylum must always be large, as we have learned that it is good care that enables us to save life; for all children, excepting those that come with their mothers, are very delicate, often extremely feeble, and we must think our exceptional health during such a hot summer as the last was due to the unwearied watchfulness of our Matron, Miss McKean, whose constant care and experience as a nurse detects the first symptom of illness. And everything in the life at the Asylum is adapted to forming regular habits in the children before they are sent to their boarding-places. We have only one death to report among our directors, that of Mrs. Wheeler, which occurred early in the year. She was much interested in our children and the success of our work.

We would gratefully acknowledge the kind assistance that we receive from physicians wherever we board children; and our thanks are also due to the ladies of sewing circles, who make so many garments for our babies.

The Boarding Committee are each year more impressed with the value of their work. As soon as a child is old enough to be weaned it is sent to board in the country; and it ceases to be an institution child, and becomes one of a family, where it is visited by a Director or some other responsible person. We have some boarding-places which we have employed for many years. The plan works well in two ways: the child is benefited, and the money helps the woman who cares for it, and in some cases enables her to keep her own daughters at home, when otherwise they might be obliged to go out to earn their own living.

Every case that comes to us is peculiar and interesting; but I have chosen a few to show whom we help.

Case 1. — Twins were brought to us, only nine days old, their mother having died three days after they were born. Their father, a Frenchman, unable to speak one word of English, a stranger in a strange land, was left with these two helpless babies; but through the kindness of a French lady, by whom he was employed, they were admitted to the Asylum, and now they are on their feet, although not yet a year old, strong and well.

Case 2. — A child of German parents. The mother died shortly after the birth of the child. The father had four other children to care for, so this child was admitted at two months old.

Case 3. — A child of a very inefficient mother, a widow, with one other child to support. He came at four months old. He was very ill for several weeks, but fully recovered, and is now a healthy, robust little fellow.

Case 4. — A child of English parents, he was brought to us when ten days old, the mother having died at the time of his birth, the father having one other child to support.

Case 5. — A child of Irish parentage. The mother was

consumptive, and unable to take care of her child. He was brought to the Asylum after he had had cholera infantum at six months old. When admitted, he was so delicate that there was little hope of his recovery, but by careful nursing the child's life was saved. The mother has since died.

Case 6. — Twins of a young Irish mother, who was deserted by her husband, were admitted, when six weeks old.

Case 7.— A child of Germans. The mother, being ill, was obliged to go to the hospital. The older children were provided for, but no one could care for the baby. So we took him at six weeks old. The mother recovered, and gathered her children round her once more.

These cases happen to be of married parents ; but half our children are the children of unmarried women, whom we hope to protect and help,— a most satisfactory, although only an incidental part of our work.

At the request of the Massachusetts Board of Managers, to the World's Columbian Exposition we have sent an exhibit of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum's method of taking care of infants under two years of age.

The exhibit comprises a crib with mattress, etc., made up as used by the baby at night, a rack covered with netting, on which the child lies during the day, a doll dressed in the clothes such as the Asylum furnishes for its inmates, a bottle for sterilizing milk, with directions for its use.

Two files of the annual reports of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, each bound in a volume; a large scrap-book, into which is pasted a specimen of each printed form used by the different committees in transacting the business of the Asylum regarding admission, boarding out, adoption, and discharge, etc.

A chart giving important statistics, showing the number of infants cared for during the existence of the institution, the remarkably low rate of mortality, will also make a part of the exhibit.

M. A. Revere.

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

There has been about the usual amount of illness at the Infant Asylum during the past year, with a smaller percentage of deaths than that of any previous year in its history.

The mortality is, perhaps, not much lower than that of the last three years, during which the sterilized milk mixture has been used, but is remarkably less than that of preceding years.

From April 1, 1883, to April 1, 1893, the death-rate was as follows: 6.6, 11.8, 11.1, 9.7, 12.5, 6.2, 4.5, 5, 4.4, 3.9.

Notwithstanding the long-continued high temperature of the last summer, there was not a case of intestinal disease in the Asylum; while outside children under one year of age were dying at the rate of a hundred a week during August. There has been no epidemic of any sort in the Asylum.

Several cases of eczema have occurred among the children; and these have been promptly isolated, though this is not commonly considered a contagious disease.

We have had as usual a number of cases of lung diseases, all the deaths but one occurring from tuberculosis.

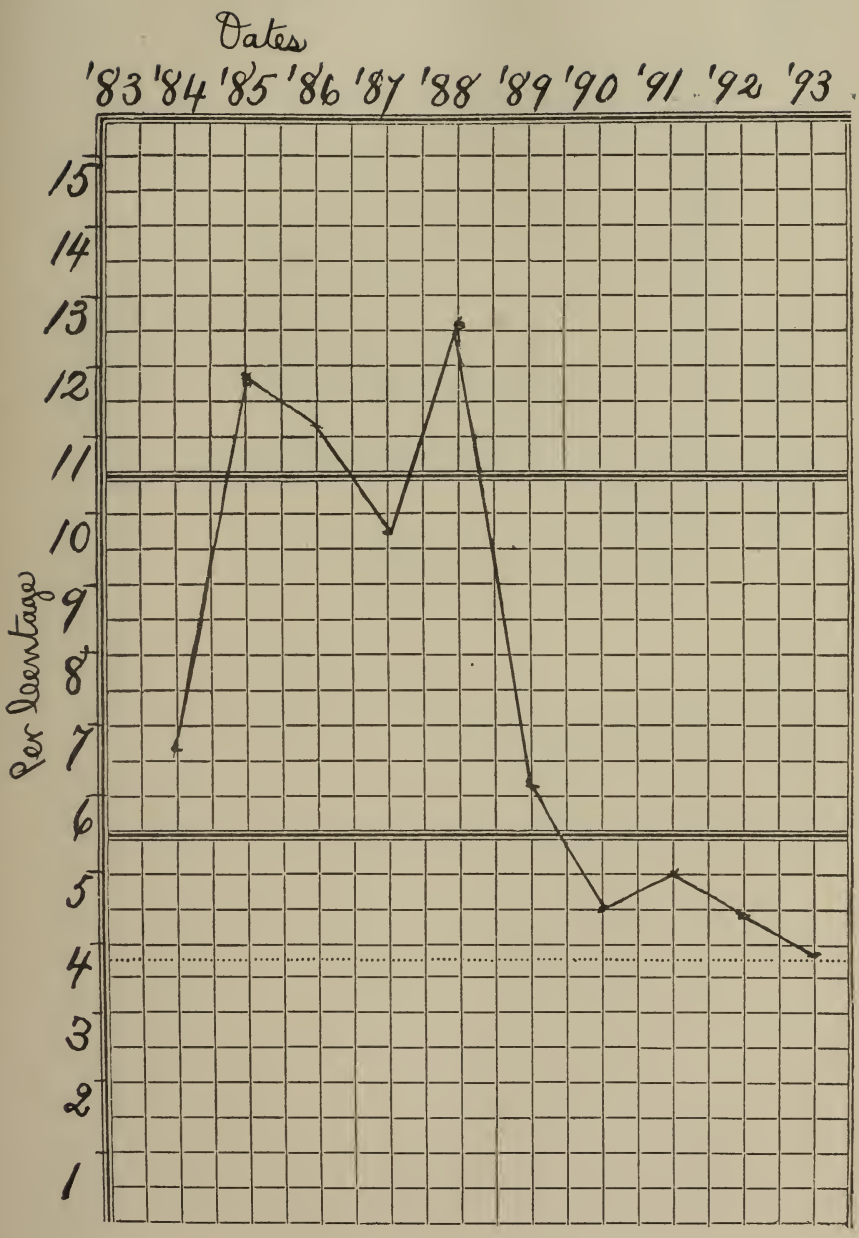
Pulmonary disease will probably always be the chief cause of death, since many of the children are born of tuberculous parents, and have been neglected before entering the Asylum.

One child died of convulsions while at board. It is not reported as having had any previous disease, though feeble.

The health of the boarding children has been very good, as also that of the nurses, no serious illness having occurred among them.

For the Physicians,

ARTHUR P. PERRY.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Per Centage

Dr. HENRY B. CABOT, *Treasurer, in Account with*

1892. April 1.	Balance as per last year account		$882.78
1893 April 1.	By receipt during the year, as follows: —		
	Annual subscriptions	$1,312.00	
	Donations, including money given for board of extra children	1,522 29	
	Board paid by mothers	1,444.50	
	Income from Funds, as follows: —		
	Cora Lyman Fund	1,378.47	
	Clothing "	138.80	
	Cabot "	50.00	
	May "	31.95	
	Putnam "	163.58	
	Unknown Friend Fund	326.00	
	Downes "	1,153.53	
	Dixwell "	500.00	
	Merriam "	349.65	
	Bartlett "	100.00	
	Joy "	260.00	
	Warren "	250.00	
	Interest	11.29	
	Current Receipts		8,992.06
1892. April	Sale 1 City of Cambridge 6 per cent. bond		1,003.75
	Payment at maturity 8 City of Worcester 6 per cent. bonds		8,000.00
	Gift from Unknown Friend		1,000.00
July	Payment at maturity 7 City of Cambridge 6 per cent. bonds		7,000.00
Aug.	Gift from Mrs. E. H. P. Sturgis to establish permanent fund of which income only to be used, to be called the Mary Georgiana Sturgis Fund		500.00
Dec.	Temporary loan		200.00
Feb.	Temporary loan		600.00
Mar.	Sale 2 East R.R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent. bonds		2,035.00
	" 1 East R.R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent. bond		1,025.00
	" $500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent. bonds		513.73
	" 1 Ch. Junc. U. St. Yds. 5 per cent. bond		1,015.05
	" 2 Ch. Junc. U. St. Yds. 5 per cent. bonds		2,005.00
			$34,772.34

Dr. *General Account Massachusetts*

1893 April 1.	Cora Lyman Fund.— $4,000 City of Boston 4 per cent. bonds	$4,420.00	
	$10,000 Leland House mortgage bonds	10,000.00	
	$6,000 City of Lynn Reg. 4 per cent.	6,135.00	$20,555.00
	Clothing Fund. — 16 shares C. B. & Q. R.R.	1,972.80	
	$1,000 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent.	1,030.00	3,002.80
	Cabot Fund.— $1,000 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent.	1,002.50	1,002.50
	May Fund.— 5 shares Third National Bank	458.50	458.50
	Putnam Fund.— $1,000 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent.	1,037.00	
	" Oregon R.R. & Nav. Consol. 5 per cent.	1,011.45	
	" Eastern R.R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent.	1,027.50	3,075.95
	Joy Fund.— $6,500 A. T. & S. F. 1st m. 4 per cent.	5,333.90	5,333.90
	Unknown Friend Fund.—$1,000 A. T. & S. F. 1st m. 4 per cent.	820.60	
	" C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent.	1,037.00	
	" U. P. Omaha Bridge 5 per cent.	1,030.00	
	" Oregon R.R. & Nav. Consol. 5 per cent.	1,011.45	
	" Eastern R.R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent.	1,037.50	
	20 shares C. B. & Q.	2,656.68	7,593.23
	Hollingsworth Fund.— Suffolk Savings Bank-book	100.00	100.00
	Dixwell Fund.— 10 shares Chicago Real Estate Agm't and Decl. of Trust	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Downes Fund.— $4,000 N. E. Mort. Sec. 5 per cent.	3,765.00	
	$7,000 St. J. & Gd. Isl. 1st m. 6 per cent.	7,500.00	
	$2,000 U. P. Linc. & Col. 5 per cent.	2,012.50	
	60 shares Third National Bank	6,392.25	
	$1,000 Oregon R.R. & Nav. Consol. 5 per cent.	1.011.46	20,681.21
	Warren Fund.— $5,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge 5 per cent.	5,150.00	5,150 00
	Merriam Fund.— 63 shares C. B. & Q. R.R.	8,359.85	8,359.85
	Bartlett Fund.— $2,000 Oregon R.R. & Nav. Consol. 5 per cent.	2,022.90	2,022.90
	Mary Georgiana Sturgis Fund.—$500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent.	519.85	519.85
	General Fund.— Land and buildings	43,950.74	
	Furniture	882.02	
	Sundry Cash	261.23	45,093.99
			$132,949.68

1893.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during the year, as follows: —		
	Salaries and wages	$2,061.43	
	Milk	625.96	
	Provisions	1,446.36	
	Ice, tea, water, etc.	96.15	
	Clothing	148.90	
	Fuel, Lighting, etc.	705.56	
	Drugs and medicines	176.15	
	Repairs and house furnishing	122.25	
	Stationery and printing	113.90	
	Express travelling and telephone	44.51	
	Incidentals	114.07	
	Accrued interest on securities bought	254,36	
	Board of children	2,941.72	
	Interest on money borrowed	18.54	
	Rent of box at Union Safe Dep. Vaults	30.00	
	Current expenses for year		$8,899.86
1892.			
April	Bought 10 mortgage bonds on Leland House, Chicago		10,000.00
June	" 1 East R.R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent. bond		1,027.50
July	" 3 Ch. Junc. U. St. Yds. 5 per cent. bonds		2,977.50
Aug. 16.	" 3 East R.R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent. bonds		3,112.50
Aug. 31.	" 1 East R.R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent. bond		1,037.50
Oct.	" $500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent. bond		521.25
1893.			
June	Paid temporary loan		200.00
March	Paid temporary loan		600.00
	Bought 6 City of Lynn Reg. 4 per cent. bonds		6,135.00
April 1.	Balance		261.23
			$34,772.34

Infant Asylum, April 1, 1893. *Cr.*

1893.			
April 1.	Cora Lyman Fund		$20,000.00
	Joy "		5,000.00
	Building "		15,700.42
	Clothing "		3,025.00
	Hannah Cabot "		1,000.00
	Hollingsworth "		100.00
	Putnam "		3,000.00
	May "		500.00
	Unknown Friend Fund		7,000.00
	Mrs. J. J. Dixwell "		10,000.00
	Nathaniel Merriam "		10,000.00
	Sidney Bartlett "		2,000.00
	Wilkins Warren "		5,000.00
	G. E. Downes "		20,000.00
	Mary Georgiana Sturgis Fund		500.00
	General Fund as per last report	$29,224.38	
	Profit and loss	899.88	
	General Fund		30,124.26
			$132,949.68

[Statement accompanying our Exhibit at Chicago.]

MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.

BOSTON, MASS.

This corporation was organized in 1868, the object of the founders being to preserve the lives of young babies who have lost their mothers or whose mothers are, by reason of poverty or other cause, unable to take care of them.

The government of the institution is carried on by a Board of about thirty Directors, divided into committees. There is a Matron who resides at the asylum; and there are Attending Physicians whom she can call upon at any time, and who have devised the sanitary and hygienic regulations which are in force.

The entire number of babies cared for has been a little over two thousand, of which about one-third have been children of nurses. The rest are children sent by the State (who are almost all foundlings) and children admitted by the Admission Committee of the Directors on the application of parents or charitable persons. Children are not admitted at more than nine months old, and are discharged when or before they reach two years. No child suffering under any incurable physical or mental disease or any disease dangerous to the other inmates of the Asylum is admitted; but, nevertheless, the children are, as a class, very delicate, and before this institution was founded the death-rate among them was at least as high as 90 per cent.

It has been the constant effort of all connected with the Asylum to devise means for preserving their lives.

At a very early time the Directors originated the plan of boarding out the healthy children, which has been found so

advantageous and been so generally adopted elsewhere. As a rule, only the younger and most delicate children are kept in the Asylum itself, the others being boarded in private families, carefully selected and inspected by the Boarding Committee of the Directors.

The babies in the Asylum are taken care of in part by wet-nurses, the Directors having found by experience that, on account of the weakness and poor health of the children as a class, a wet-nurse was needed for every two of the babies actually in the building. The training and improvement of the women received as wet-nurses is a valuable though subsidiary part of the work.

At first the work was carried on in ordinary houses; but in 1876 the present Asylum was built, with accommodations for from twenty-five to thirty babies. It is constructed on what is known as the pavilion system, with approved sanitary arrangements, and is situated on the slope of a hill in a suburb which is now becoming thickly settled.

In practice the Directors have found it most desirable to keep about three-quarters of the babies at board; and the very good results which they have secured will be seen by the subjoined Table A, which shows the percentages of death-rate from the year 1869 to the year 1892. These percentages are made up by comparing the entire number of children in the Asylum at any time during the year with the number of deaths. In some cases, the children did not remain until they were two years old; but the error arising from this source is not important, because the children discharged are always thoroughly healthy and strong, and, barring accidents, would undoubtedly have lived to be two years old, had they been kept in the Asylum.

In case of foundlings or children whom it is not possible or desirable to return to their parents, homes are found into which they are adopted.

Whenever it is possible, the parents are required to make some payment for the care of the children.

The Directors wish to call special attention to the follow-

ing features of their methods, which they believe have contributed especially to their success.

1. The boarding out of the healthy children.

2. The wet-nursing of the delicate children and to some extent of all the younger children.

3. The construction of the Asylum building with separate wards and sunny, airy corridors, as shown in the photographs.

4. The special appliances for sterilization, etc., some of which are illustrated in the exhibits.

TABLE A.

MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.

FOUNDED 1868.

Admittance.— Not older than nine months.

Discharge.—At or before two years.

Death-rate.— Made up by comparing total number of children in charge of the Asylum at any time during the year with the total deaths.

1869–70	34.66	Work begun in an ordinary house in Dorchester, with 30 babies.
1870–71	30	2 or 3 wet-nurses taken for a few very delicate babies.
1871–72	26	More wet-nurses.
1872–73	45	More boarded out.
1873–74	14.3	———
1874–75	19.48	———
1875–76	9.5	A wet-nurse for every two babies.
1876–77	11	The present Asylum opened for 27 or 30 babies.
1877–78	16	State wards in larger numbers admitted.
1878–79	8	30 children "boarded out."
1879–80	9.3	State asked to send all its foundlings. Agreed to accommodate 75.
1880–81	14	Two-thirds of all the babies boarded out.
1881–82	9	———
1882–83	6.79	———
1883–84	10.7	———
1884–85	11.84	State began to "board out" for itself.
1885–86	11.11	State reduced its limit for 50 babies.
1886–87	9.7	———
1887–88	12.57	Only 26 State babies were sent.
1888–89	6.25	Only 15 State babies were sent.
1889–90	4.57	———
1890–91	5	After this year the State has sent none.
1891–92	5	Only children received have been on application of parents or charitable persons.
1892–93	3.9	———

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HIM ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

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Baby carriage.— A friend.

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Mr. Curtis.
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Mr. Daland.

Matron.

Miss M. McKean.

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Dr. Arthur P. Perry, 60 Elm Street, Jamaica Plain.

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Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlborough Street.
Dr. Arthur T. Cabot, 3 Marlborough Street.

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May	Mrs. Pearmain.	
June	Miss Denny,	Miss Williamson.
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August	Miss Revere,	Miss Revere.
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March	Miss Cary,	Mrs. Lowell.

THE MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of Boylston Station, on the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to the Admission Committee, at Charity Building, Chardon Street, Boston, Room 48, Mondays and Thursdays, from two to four o'clock P. M.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock P. M.

Trains leave the Park Square Station of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for Boylston Station at frequent intervals.

Electric cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every ten minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum herewith present their Twenty-seventh Annual Report:—

April 1st, 1893, the Asylum had under its care	44
Added during the year	44*
	88
Died or left the Asylum	46†
In care of the Asylum, April 1st, 1894,	42
	88
In the Building	21
At Board	21
	42

* State Children, 2; Nurses' Children, 26; Committee Children, 16.

118 applications were made to the Admission Committee.
99 were refused.

7 applications were withdrawn.
31 were refused on account of bad character of applicants.
13 were otherwise provided for.
5 were refused from lack of Asylum funds.
2 were over age.
2 were born out of the State.
39 applied for adoption only.

99

14 were admitted as Committee Children.
5 were admitted with their mothers as nurses.

118

† Died 5
Adopted 2
Discharged with their mothers 17
Taken by relatives (Committee Children) 22
46

The work of the Asylum has proceeded during the year very much as usual.

The exhibit made by us at the World's Columbian Exposition attracted much attention. At the close of the Exposition the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Exhibit claimed it, and it is therefore now in the possession of the Commonwealth.

The usefulness of our work has never been greater than now, but the inadequacy of our means prevents us from extending it as we should like, or even from meeting the demands made upon us, and we are constantly obliged to turn away cases that appeal to our sympathies and ought to receive our attention.

Now that the State sends us few or no children, our institution ought to be able to meet the necessities of mothers seeking an asylum where their children can be sure of the attention and care which they themselves can not give while working for their support; and also of fathers who, by the death of their wives, are left to care for and support families of small children, of which one at least is an infant demanding tender and intelligent care. Such cases are continually coming to us. We are reluctant to refuse them, but we often must or face the alternative of debt.

We have stated our case very fully in past years, particularly in our last two reports, and it is imposible to put it any stronger now. The action of the State in providing for its dependent infants in homes of its own instead of boarding them with us has deprived us of nearly or quite half our income. Meanwhile our expenses necessarily remain very much the same.

We must spend the same for the home building whether we have thirty or a hundred children under our care. The more children we have to provide for the less naturally is the expense to each. The home building cannot be dispensed with under our system, because we must have a place where infants can be received and kept until they can be sent out to board, and where they can be received and tended if taken ill when at board.

Our receipts for the past year from every source have been $8,837.34 and our expenditures $10,438.58. We have invested funds, the principal of which we cannot touch, which yield us $3,200 per year; and we have $14,617 at most, of invested funds which are not restricted, upon which we have had to encroach this year to the amount of $1,638.94. It is a simple matter of arithmetic to see how soon this amount will be exhausted, if not replenished.

If we are to aid other children in place of the State children for whom our help is no longer asked, the deficiency in our income caused by their withdrawal must in some way be supplied. Our present income only little more than suffices to maintain the Home, which is, as already shown, an indispensable part of our work, but the work we have done outside the Home, from which we are now largely shut off, we have considered quite as important.

We have succeeded beyond our hopes in the problem we set ourselves, of saving infant life, and have proved conclusively to the world what can be done in that direction. Our record has been unexampled, and has received the very highest commendation.

We believe now we have an important work before us in aiding parents to save the lives of their children, who, if retained by them would be deprived of needed care, but if committed temporarily to us, can be restored strong and healthy children. In the name of humanity shall we not be enabled to continue this work!

When we had the State children our income was about $16,750, and we were caring for twenty-two children, with a supplementary institution in West Medford which enabled us to care for about eight more, and with these two homes we were able to board enough children out to make our number about one hundred. Now our income is about $8,800, and we are caring for 50 or 52 children, but if our income can be increased to the former amount we could care for about as many as we did then. To do this we need a permanent fund, of which only the income can be used, of at least one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. If in addition to this we can still count on a constant increase in annual subscriptions sufficient not merely to meet the losses occasioned by death and removal, but also to make a steady accession to our resources, and the continuance of the interest of such of our friends as have specially contributed to pay the board of individual cases, we can continue and even extend our work, but if any failure of these occurs that work must be more and more restricted each year.

We believe no charitable institution in Boston can show a better record for the work it has attempted to do than ours. In twenty-seven years we have cared

for nearly thirty-seven hundred children, and have lost but 468, not quite 13 per cent, which, although the number in itself seems large, is but a very small proportion; for it must be remembered that when our institution was started the proportion of deaths of abandoned infants was about 100 per cent. Had we succeeded in saving half the children under our care, or even less, we should have felt our existence had been justified. It would not be fair to say that our percentage of annual loss had been thirteen per cent. Exceptional circumstances have made our rate of mortality larger in some years than in others. The easiest way to ascertain what it has been in separate years would be to examine the chart which was printed in the report of last year, and which for this purpose we reprint in the present.

We have helped many mothers to save their children, by boarding them for a very small sum and giving them intelligent care. We have helped fathers to give their infants, deprived of a mother's care, a home where they can receive attention which would otherwise be impossible except at large expense. We believe this work is a useful and needed one, and that it ought to be continued. We have not made many appeals for aid in the past, but we must do so now, or look in the face the prospect of having to abandon our work and soon shut the doors of our institution. The benevolence of Massachusetts has never failed its deserving charities, and we cannot believe we shall prove the first exception to the rule.

We cannot state our case more strongly. It simply remains to await the judgment of the public.

If it decide that our work has been well done and should be supported we shall gladly continue it, but if it decide otherwise, we must, though reluctantly, abandon it, or change the character of our institution.

In closing this report we would mention with regret a loss which the Boarding Committee especially feels in the death of Miss Ella E. Draper, of Wayland, who for more than twenty-five years has greatly assisted them in their work by visiting the children at board in and near that town, where at one time we had quite a large colony. Her constant interest was a great help to that committee and to the women with whom the children were boarded, and her unremitting kindness ought not to pass without appreciative recognition.

For the Directors,

Henry F. Jenks.

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

This year has been a successful one at the Asylum. Of eighty-eight children under our care but five have died; two in the Asylum and three at board. Both of the deaths in the Asylum were from bronchitis and both of the children had inherited a weak constitution, their mothers having died of consumption. Of the children at board, one died of bronchitis, one of enteritis, and one of convulsions of unknown origin. Beside this, one child was attacked with diphtheria and was sent to the City Hospital, where it died two days after admission.

The physicians are glad that the practice of returning sick infants to the Asylum from their boarding places has become more common, and hope that it may be still further extended. In this way, not only many lives but also a great deal of sickness may be saved. It is remarkable what proper care will do for a child that has been considered very ill For instance, one was returned last summer for whom it was thought a private room would be necessary, so seriously ill was it supposed to be, yet in about a week it was ready to go to another place. Another child was returned because the ears were supposed to be in an unmanageable condition. This one also was well in a few days. Another was returned for hernia. An operation was performed successfully by Dr. Perry.

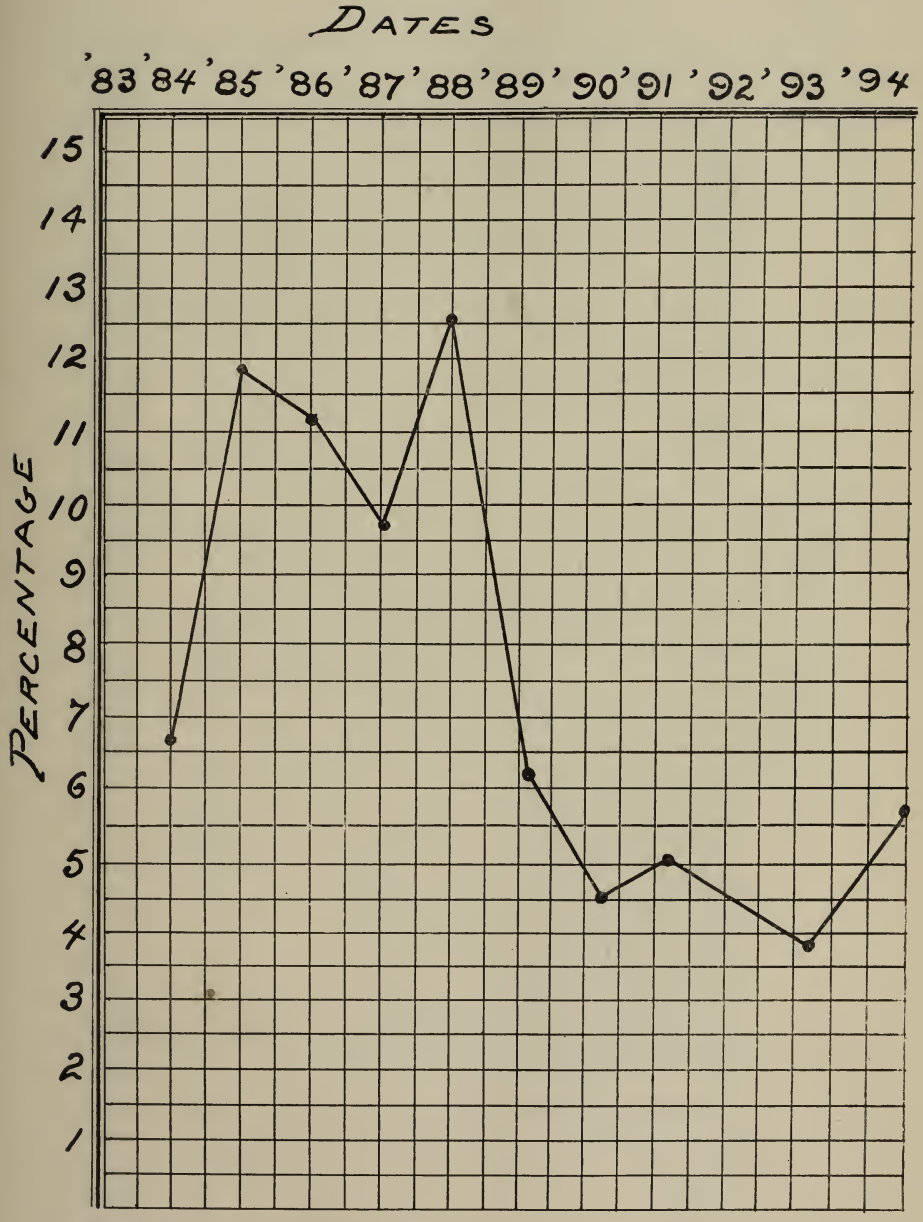
Not less gratifying have been the results in children that have been returned with digestive disorders. If all the children with summer diarrhœa were sent back the results would no doubt be as striking as in the cases of those which were returned with troubles of this kind.

Only a few very serious illnesses have occurred, but one child is gradually recovering from a serious bronchial pneumonia which nearly proved fatal.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. PUTNAM,

For the Physicians.



PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS, 1893-'94 — 5.7.

Dr. HENRY B. CABOT, *Treasurer, in Account with*

1893.			
April 1.	Balance		$261.23
1894.			
April 1.	To amount received during year:		
	Annual subscriptions	$1,284.55	
	Donations	155.00	
	Amount subscribed for board of extra children	786.40	
	Gift, unrestricted	1,000.00	
	Board paid by mothers	1,134.25	
	Income from various funds	3,836.11	
	From State of Mass., board of children	638.28	
	Sundries	2.75	
	Current Receipts		8,837.34
	Gift from "Unknown Friend," to be added to	1,000.00	
	Gift to establish the Mary Blake Wheeler Fund	100.00	1,100.00
	Borrowed during year	1,000.00	
	Borrowed during year	1,000.00	
	Borrowed during year	500.00	2,500.00
	Sale $500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent	497 50	
	Sale $1,000 " " "	1,007.50	
	Sale $500 " " "	508.75	
	Sale $500 " " "	518.75	2,532.50
			$15,231.07

Dr. *General Property*

1894.			
April 1.	*Cora Lyman Fund.*—$4,000 City of Boston 4 per cent bonds	$4,420.00	
	$10,000 Leland House mortgage 5 per cent bonds	10,000.00	
	$6,000 City of Lynn Reg. 4 per cent	6,135 00	$20,555.00
	Clothing Fund.—16 shares C. B. & Q. R. R.	1,972.80	
	$1,000 East. R. R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent	1,027.50	3,000.30
	Cabot Fund.—$1.000 Oregon R. & N. Cons. 5 per cent bonds	1,011.45	1,011.45
	May Fund.—5 shares Third National Bank	458.50	458.50
	Putnam Fund.—$500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent	499.30	499.30
	Joy Fund.—$6,500 A. T. & S. F. 1st m. 4 per cent	5,333.90	5,333.90
	Unknown Friend.—$1,000 A. T. & S. F. 1st. m. 4 per cent.	820.60	
	$1,000 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent	1,037.00	
	$1,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Rev. 5 per cent	1,030.00	
	$1,000 Oregon R. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent	1,011.45	
	$1,000 East. R. R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent	1,037.50	
	20 shares C. B. & Q. R. R.	2,656.68	
	$1,000 Ch. Junc. & U. Stk. Yds. 1st m. 5 per cent	1,002 50	$8,595.73
	Hollingsworth Fund.—Suffolk Savings Bank Book	100.00	100.00
	Dixwell Fund.—10 shares Ch. R. E. Agmt. of T.	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Downes Fund.—$4,000 M. E. Mort. Sec. 5 per cent	3,765.00	
	$7,000 St. Jo. & Gd. Isl. 1st m. 6 per cent	7,500.00	
	$2,000 U. P. Linc. & Col. 5 per cent	2,012.50	
	60 shares Third Nat. Bank	6,392.25	
	$1,000 Oregon Rail & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent	1,011.46	20,681.21
	Warren Fund.—$5,000 U. P. & O. Bridge Rev., 5 per cent,	5,150.00	5,150.00
	Merriam Fund.—63 shares C. B. & Q. R. R.	8,359.85	8,359.85
	Bartlett Fund.—$2,000 Oregon Rail & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent	2,022.90	2,022.90
	Mary Georgina Sturgis Fund.—$500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent.	519.85	519.85
	Mary Blake Wheeler Fund.—Suffolk Savings Bank Book,	100.00	100.00
	General Fund.—Land and Buildings	43,950.74	
	Furniture	882.02	44,832.76
	Sundry Cash		1,689.99
			$132,910.74

MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM, *April, 1893, to April, 1894.* *Cr.*

1894.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during year:—		
	Salaries and wages	$2,434.79	
	Milk	652.40	
	Provisions	1,715.34	
	Ice and water	93.25	
	Clothing	61.20	
	Fuel, etc.	756.89	
	Drugs and medicines	177.66	
	Repairs, house furnishing, and materials	286.38	
	Stationery and printing	124.93	
	Express, travelling, and telephone	52.60	
	Incidentals	175.85	
	Interest, accrued and other	57.69	
	Board of children	3,781.60	
	Rent of safe dep. box	30.00	
	Sundries	38.00	
	Current expenses		$10,438.58
	Bought for "Unknown Friend" Fund, $1,000 Ch. J. R. & St. Yd. 1st m. 5 per cent bonds		1,002.50
	Notes paid	1,000.00	
	Notes paid	1,000 00	2,000.00
1894.	Bought from Mary Blake Wheeler Fund, Suffolk Saving Bank book		100.00
April 1.	Balance, cash on hand		1,689.99
			$15,231.07

Account. *Cr.*

1894.			
April 1.	Cora Lyman Fund		$20,000.00
	Joy Fund		5,000.00
	Building Fund		15,700.42
	Clothing Fund		3,025.00
	Hannah Cabot Fund		1,000.00
	Hollingsworth Fund		100.00
	Putnam Fund		3,000.00
	May Fund		500.00
	Unknown Friend Fund		8,000.00
	J. J. Dixwell Fund		10,000.00
	Nathaniel Merriam Fund		10,000.00
	Sidney Bartlett Fund		2,000.00
	William Warren Fund		5,000.00
	G. E. Downes Fund		20,000.00
	Mary Georgina Sturgis Fund		500 00
	Mary Blake Wheeler Fund		100.00
	Notes payable		500.00
	General Fund, April 1, 1893	$30,124.26	
	Profit and loss	1,638.94	
	General Fund, April 1, 1894		28,485.32
			$132,910.74

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of Henry B. Cabot, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1st, 1894, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated.

ALEX. S. PORTER,
TUCKER DALAND, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HER ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

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Miss Sarah E. Read	10 00
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Mrs. Alfred P. Rockwell	5 00
Henry Saltonstall	25 00
Mrs. Henry Saltonstall	25 00
Mrs. Epes Sargent	5 00
Mrs. B. Schlesinger	20 00
Mrs. Fred R. Sears	10 00
Mrs. P. H. Sears	10 00
Mrs. G. C. Shattuck	5 00
Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20 00
Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw	25 00
Mrs. A. F. Sise	5 00
Mrs. Francis Skinner	10 00
Mrs. W. H. Slocum	5 00
Mrs. C. C. Smith	$5 00
Miss L. P. Sohier	5 00
Mrs. Francis P. Sprague	5 00
Mrs. J. L. Stackpole	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Stearns	2 00
Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	5 00
Mrs. E. C. Stone	5 00
Mrs. R. Stone	5 00
Mrs. Charles E. Stratton	5 00
Richard Sullivan	5 00
Mrs. Sarah H. Swan	3 00
Miss Olivia B. Tappan	10 00
Miss A. G. Thayer	5 00
Miss C. P. Thompson	1 00
Mrs. T. W. Tuttle	3 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Wales	5 00
Mrs. A. L. Walker	3 00
Miss A. S. Ware	5 00
Miss C. L. Ware	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Ware	25 00
Miss M. L. Ware	20 00
Mrs. J. C. Warren	5 00
Mrs. S. D. Warren	5 00
Mrs. A. Davis Weld	5 00
George Wheatland, Jr.	5 00
Mrs. Josiah Wheelwright	3 00
Mrs. J. W. Wheelwright	10 00
Mrs. Henry Whitman	5 00
Mrs. H. M. Whitney	5 00
D. W. Williams	5 00
Miss E. F. Wright	10 00
Mrs. B. L. Young	10 00

DONATIONS, 1893–4.

Sanders Fund	$10.00	Unknown Friend Fund	$1000.00
Mrs. H. P. Kidder	5.00	Mrs. C. H. Guild	10 00
Mrs. Louis Curtis	10.00	Kings Chapel Com. on Charity	50.00
George A. Gardner	50.00		

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC.

13 long white dresses, 32 diapers, 2 flannel night-dresses.—The Lend-a-Hand Club.

13 long dresses, 3 short tiers, 1 night-dress. — Benevolent Society, First Parish, Dorchester.

9 short dresses, 24 bibs, 22 diapers.—Roxbury Parish.

4 dozen diapers, 2 dozen bibs, 2 baby pillow-shams.—Outline Circle, Wellesley Hills.

21 gertrudes, 15 short petticoats, 18 dresses, 20 diapers, 2 waists.—Systematic Sewing Circle.

3 cradles and 3 mattresses, 10 hammocks, 3 pillows, 5 high chairs, 34 pieces netting, 2 large sheets, 56 cradle sheets, 32 crib sheets, 45 pillow cases, 1 pique baby cloak, 35 white quilts, 24 crib blankets, 14 large and small rubber sheets, 52 short flannel skirts, 29 flannel night dresses, 10 long flannel skirts, 24 pairs stockings, 33 flannel shirts, 1 afghan, 27 flannel bands, 4 cotton night-dresses, 1 nurse's night-gown, 2 chemise, 31 cotton diapers, 14 print dresses, long; 27 print dresses, short; 3 tiers. — Seashore Home, Winthrop, Sister Mary Louise.

23 chairs.—Dr. C. P. Putnam, M. D.

10 flannel double gowns.—Benevolent Society, First Parish, Dorchester. Miss C. E. Caldwell, Alban Street.

3 short flannel skirts, 1 red flannel skirt, 3 gertrudes, 1 pair drawers, 5 short print dresses, 3 diapers.—Systematic Sewing Circle.

9 pairs stockings. — Mrs. Theodore Lyman.

13 merino shirts.—A friend.

9 long slips. — Home Library, Miss Fox's school.

34 flannel shirts, 36 night-gowns, 12 short petticoats, 9 red flannel dresses. —Needlewoman's Friend Society.

Fruit, Vegetables.—Mrs. Slocum.

1 pair stockings. — Pride's Crossing (by mail).

Apples.—Mrs. Slocum.

Baby carriage, blanket, 2 umbrella tops.—Transcript Reader.

1 worsted afghan, 2 worsted sacks, 2 flannel sacks, 9 pairs cotton socks, 1 short flannel skirt, 5 pairs shoes, 1 pair worsted socks, 2 shirts (partly worn).—A friend.

1 carriage afghan, 2 blankets.— Mrs. Frederic Dutton, Concord, Mass.

1 baby carriage, 2 umbrella tops.—Mrs. B. L. Young, Auburndale.

1 baby carriage, 2 umbrella tops.—Mrs. E. N. Foss, Everett Street, Jamaica Plain.

Fruit.—Mrs. Slocum.

1 cloak.—Miss Ware.

3 pairs new crib blankets.—Mrs. B. F. Sturtevant, Jamaica Plain.

1 baby carriage. — A friend through "Transcript."

1 afghan.—Mrs. Charles Bowditch.

3 afghans, 2 worsted skirts, 1 baby cloak, 1 rubber bath tub.—Mrs. John A. Heath, 348 Marlborough Street.

1 baby carriage, 6 afghans (partly worn).—B. V. L.

1 afghan.—Mrs. Wilcox, 8 Highland Avenue, Medford.

2 shoulder blankets.—Mrs. E. N. Foss, Jamaica Plain.

1 outside garment, 1 afghan, 1 knitted skirt.—Mrs. N. R. Clark, 27 Mt. Everett Street, Dorchester.

12 pairs knitted stockings.—Mrs. Theodore Lyman.

2 afghans.—Miss Rice, 21 Greenough Street.

13 pairs knitted socks, 2 knitted jackets. —Miss Parsons, Beacon Street, Boston.

1 afghan.—P. O. Box, 234 Waltham, Mass.

14 wrappers, 3 long dresses, 8 jackets, 4 night-gowns, 31 diapers, 5 bibs, 5 long petticoats, 3 bands, 1 bonnet, 3 pairs knitted socks. — Boston Needlework Guild.

6 pairs socks. — Ladies' Benevolent Society, Weston.

15 long flannel skirts, 1 long white dress, 1 apron.—Benevolent Society, First Parish, Dorchester.

5 sacks, 2 afghans. — The Misses Jenks, Mt. Vernon Street, Boston.

1 afghhan.—Mrs. E. A. French, Boston.

3 flannel gowns, 6 pairs socks, 2 dresses, 2 knit jackets, pieces of old cotton. —A friend of the babies.

1 pair knitted leggings — Mrs. J. B. Case.

1 afghan.—Mrs. E. A. French.

16 long dresses, 2 short dresses, 3 colored dresses, 3 long blanket petticoats, 5 long flannel shirts, 2 short colored skirts, 3 white skirts, 3 double gowns, 20 shirts, 8 pairs stockings, 2 pairs blankets, 4 pairs mittens, 12 pairs booties, 1 pair fur slippers, 5 knit hoods, 1 bib, 4 sacks, 3 handkerchiefs, 1 wash cloth, 14 towels, 2 skirt waists, 14 diapers, 12 pairs drawers, 11 colored aprons, 2 pairs combination drawers and leggings, 7 night-gowns (colored), 11 white night-gowns.— Boston Needlework Guild.

1 afghan—Box 234, Waltham.

45 short white dresses.—Mrs. M. Brimmer, 47 Beacon Street, Boston.

21 pairs stockings.—Miss H. Adams.

1 double gown, 1 scrap book, 1 babies' knitted ball.—A friend.

1 afghan.—Miss Revere.

12 pairs moccasins, 3 pairs boots. — H. H. Tuttle & Co.

5 paper-covered novels, for nurses' library.—Mrs. G. H. Shaw.

CHIRSTMAS.

1 turkey, 4 dozen oranges.—Mr Ganter, Boylston Station.

1 turkey, 1 box toys, 1 dress for each servant, 1 jacket for each nurse.— Mrs. J. B. Case.

Handkerchief for each nurse. — Miss C. L. Ware.

Youths' Companion for the year. — Miss Ware, Cambridge.

Harper's Magazine for the year.— Mrs. Case.

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MRS. G. HOWLAND SHAW	23 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
HENRY M. SPELMAN	50 State Street, Boston.
MRS. A. DAVIS WELD	Forest Hills Street, Jamaica Plain.
MRS. W. C. WILLIAMSON	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.
MISS GRACE WILLIAMSON	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.

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Admission.

Miss Parkman.
Miss Cary.
Miss Cummings.

Business with City and State.

Mr. Daland.
Mr. Putnam.
Mr. Curtis.

Clothing.

Mrs. Peirson.
Mrs. Lowell.

House.

Mr. Lowell.
Miss Cary.
Mrs. Weld.

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Miss Revere.
Mr. Putnam.
Mrs. Coolidge.
Mrs. Shaw.

Boarding.

Mrs. Case.
Mrs. Williamson.
Miss Denny.
Mrs. Coolidge.
Mrs. Pearmain.
Miss Williamson.

Finance.

Mr. Curtis.
Mr. Lowell.

Auditors.

Mr. Porter.
Mr. Daland.

Matron.

Miss M. McKean.

Attending Physicians.

Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlborough Street.
Dr. H. W. Broughton, Gordon Street, Jamaica Plain.
Dr. Arthur P. Perry, 60 Elm Street, Jamaica Plain.

Consulting Physicians.

Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlborough Street.
Dr. Arthur T. Cabot, 3 Marlborough Street.

VISITORS.

April	Mrs. Peirson.	Mrs. Williamson.
May	Mrs. Pearmain.	Mrs. Coolidge.
June	Mrs. Eliot.	Miss Williamson.
July	Mrs. Weld.	Mrs. Weld.
August	Miss Revere.	Miss Revere.
September	Miss Cummings.	Miss Denny.
October	Miss Parkman.	Mrs. Shaw.
November	Miss Williamson.	Mrs. Pearmain.
December	Mrs. Coolidge.	Mrs. Peirson.
January	Mrs. Lowell.	Mrs. Case.
February	Miss Denny.	Miss Cary.
March	Miss Cary.	Miss Cummings.

Mrs Lowell

THE MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.

THE Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of Boylston Station, on the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Application for the admission of infants should be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to the Admission Committee, at Charity Building, Chardon Street, Boston, Room 48, Mondays and Thursdays, from two to four o'clock P. M.

No child born out of the State is admitted, except under the provision of law.

No children over nine months old are admitted.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum, or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock P. M.

Trains leave the Park Square Station of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for Boylston Station at frequent intervals.

Electric cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every ten minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum herewith present their twenty-eighth Annual Report:—

April 1st, 1894, the Asylum had under its care	42
Added during the year . . .	33*
	75
Died or left the Asylum . . .	50†
In care of the Asylum April 1st, 1895 .	25
	75
In the main Asylum	9
At Board	16
	25

* State Children, 0; Nurses' Children, 18; Committee Children, 15.

128 applications were made to the Committee.

16 applications were withdrawn.
9 refused because of bad character.
16 were provided for in various ways.
4 were over age.
22 were for adoption only.
19 were unsuitable cases.
1 died before admission.
20 for lack of accommodation and of funds.
14 were admitted by the Committee.
7 decided to go to the Asylum with their children.

128

† 2 died.
3 adopted.
25 Committee Children taken by relatives.
18 discharged with their mothers.
2 State Children, 1 taken by its mother; 1 given back to the State.

50

The number of babies under our charge during the past year was seventy-five.

These figures show a falling off as compared to previous years, and reflect the efforts made by the Board of Directors to keep within our income. The strictest economy consistent with the care of the babies was practiced at the Asylum, and the accounts show that we reduced our expenses $2,634.96 ($7,803.62 as against $10,438.58 in 1893–4). We did not, however, succeed in our endeavor to avoid a deficit, since our receipts unfortunately fell off $2,606.81 ($6,230.53 as against $8,837.34 in 1893–4). This was owing partly to reduced donations, partly to defaulted coupons on our investments, and also reduced amount of board received from the State.

The Board desires to particularly mention its appreciation of the kind act of a friend who sent us during the three summer months all the milk used at the Asylum.

There is a small way in which the reduction in our numbers was turned to benefit, as it enabled us to respond to the appeal of the Summer Hospital and give them six of our cribs with bedding.

The result of this year only more fully proves what has been apparent since the withdrawal of the State's babies: that the home is on too large a scale for our present work, and that it is impossible for us to curtail our expenses further without seriously restricting the power of our usefulness. The Board of Directors came to the conclusion, during the summer, that we should dispose of our present building, and with this view the property has been advertised for sale. It

was thought best, however, that we should not attempt to force a sale during the very depressed state of the real estate market. When we have disposed of our building, it is proposed to rent a house suitable for our present numbers, as it is felt necessary to have a home for those babies who come to us unfit for boarding out and in need of that nursing and care which nowhere has been so well developed as at our Asylum and to which is due the fact of our phenomenally low death rate of 3 per cent.

We cannot fail to express our gratitude to the physicians at the Asylum for their continued assiduous care, and also to thank the physicians who have devoted so much time and attention to the children at board in the country towns.

We cannot too strongly urge that we must extend our work if we are to occupy the position which our institution was founded to fill. There are still as many babies who have need of our care, and the curtailing of our numbers means that the work is left undone. Our Admission Committee constantly demand permission to admit more, and then bring up such specially pathetic cases that the Board cannot refuse them, even knowing that we are spending more than our income. We cannot but feel that if we can bring home to the public the need, the urgent need, for help, that we shall attract their attention and find the means to carry on our work.

For the Directors,

CHARLES LOWELL.

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

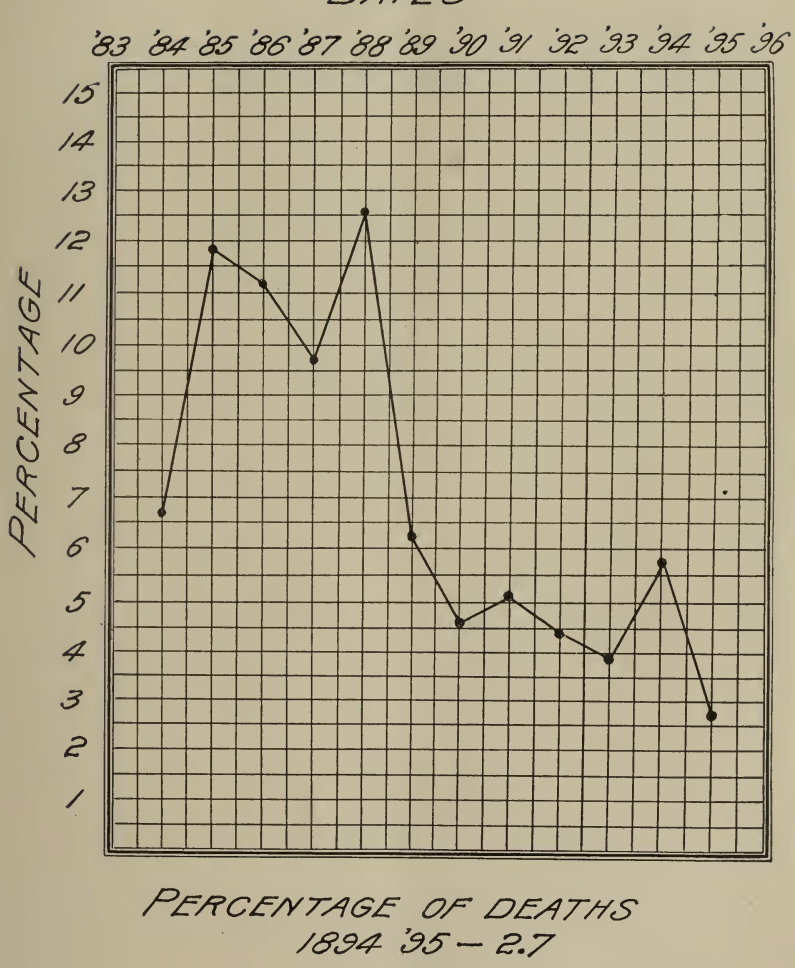
During the year there were under the care of the Asylum seventy-five children. Of these, two died—one from tuberculosis and the other from cholera infantum. The latter was a boarding child, which had been returned to the Asylum in a practically hopeless condition. This gives a death rate of two and seven-tenths per cent, the lowest in the history of the institution There has been more illness this winter than at any time during the year. In January there was quite an epidemic of the grip, with bronchitis, etc. Nearly every child was more or less affected. Two of the cases were complicated with inflammation of the middle ear and abscess formation. Another child had as a sequel enlarged and suppurating glands of the neck, which it was necessary to remove.

Two boarding children were returned in February with gastro-intestinal disturbance, but were sent out on recovery.

The health of the nurses has been excellent. We are sorry to lose Miss Hallowell, the Assistant Matron, who has been a faithful and careful nurse to the little patients.

HENRY W. BROUGHTON, M. D.,

For the Physicians.



PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS
1894 '95 — 2.7

Dr. HENRY B. CABOT, *Treasurer, in Account with*

1894.			
April 1.	Balance as per account rendered		$1,689 99
1895.			
April 1.	Amounts received during the year:		
	Annual subscriptions	$1,218 50	
	Donations	205 00	
	Amount subscribed for board of extra children	452 50	
	Board paid by mothers	1,071 25	
	Income from funds	2,992 95	
	From State of Massachusetts	290 28	
	Sundries	05	
	Current receipts		6,230 53
1894.			
April.	From unknown friend to be added to fund		1,000 00
Nov.	Sale of $1,000 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent bond		1,032 50
August.	Note given to Massachusetts National Bank		800 00
1895.			
Feb.	Note given to Massachusetts National Bank		800 00
			$11,553 02

Dr. *General Property*

1895.			
April 1.	*Cora Lyman Fund.*—$4,000 City of Boston 4 per cent bonds	$4,420 00	
	$10,000 Leland House mortgage 5 per cent notes	10,000 00	
	$6,000 City of Lynn Reg. 4 per cent bonds	6,135 00	$20,555 00
	Clothing Fund.—16 shares C. B. & Q. R. R.	1,972 80	
	$1,000 Est. R. R. of Minn. 1st mortgage 5 per cent bonds	1,027 50	3,000 30
	Cabot Fund.—$1,000 Oregon Rail & Nav. Consd. 5 per cent bonds	1,011 45	1,011 45
	May Fund.—5 shares Third National Bank	458 50	458 50
	Putnam Fund	00	00
	Joy Fund.—$6,500 At. T. & St. Fee 1st m. 4 per cent bonds	5,333 90	5,333 90
	Unknown Friend Fund.—$1,000 At. T. & St. Fee 1st m. 4 per cent bonds	820 60	
	$1,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Ren. 5 per cent bonds	1,030 00	
	$1,000 Oregon Rail. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent bonds	1,011 45	
	$1,000 Est. R. R. of Minn. 1st m. 5 per cent bonds	1,037 50	
	20 shares C. B. & Q. R. R.	2,656 68	
	$1,000 Chi. Junc. & U. Stk. Yd. R. R. 1st m. 5 per cent bonds	1,002 50	
	$500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent bonds	499 30	
	15 shares N. Y. Cent. & Hud. Riv. R. R.	1,496 25	9,554 28
	Hollingsworth Fund.—Suffolk Savings Bank book	100 00	100 00
	Dixwell Fund.—10 shares Chicago R. Est. Agmt. of Trust	10,000 00	10,000 00
	Downes Fund.—$4,000 N. E. Mort. Sec. 5 per cent bonds	3,765 00	
	$7,000 St. Jo. & Gd. Isl. 1st m. 6 per cent bonds	7,500 00	
	$2,000 U. P. Linc. & Col. 5 per cent bonds	2,012 50	
	60 shares Third National Bank	6,392 25	
	$1,000 Oregon Rail. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent bonds	1,011 46	20,681 21
	Warren Fund.—$5,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Ren. 5 per cent bonds	5,150 00	5,150 00
	Merriam Fund.—63 shares C. B. & Q. R. R.	8,359 85	8,359 85
	Bartlett Fund.—$2,000 Oregon Rail. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent bonds	2,022 90	2,022 90
	Mary Georgina Sturgis Fund.—$500 C. B. & N. 1st m. 5 per cent bonds	519 85	519 85
	Mary Blake Wheeler Fund.—Suffolk Savings Bank book	100 00	100 00
	General Funds.—Land and buildings	43,950 74	
	Furniture	882 02	44,832 76
	Sundry cash		953 15
			$132,633 15

MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM, *April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895.* *Cr.*

1895.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during year:		
	Salaries and wages	$1,900 70	
	Milk	364 94	
	Provisions	724 03	
	Ice and water	88 23	
	Clothing	144 71	
	Light and fuel	505 55	
	Drugs and medicines	61 35	
	Repairs, house furnishing, and material	338 29	
	Stationery and printing	24 38	
	Telephone and express	50 80	
	Incidental	123 08	
	Interest	23 27	
	Board of children	3,454 29	
			$7,803 62
1894.			
April.	Note at Massachusetts National Bank, paid		500 00
Nov.	Note at Massachusetts National Bank, paid		800 00
May.	Bought fifteen shares N. Y. Central R. R.		1,496 25
1895.			
April 1.	Balance		953 15
			$11,553 02

Account. *Cr.*

1895.			
April 1.	Cora Lyman Fund		$20,000 00
	Joy Fund		5,000 00
	Building Fund		15,700 42
	Clothing Fund		3,025 00
	Hannah Cabot Fund		1,000 00
	Hollingsworth Fund		100 00
	Putnam Fund		3,000 00
	May Fund		500 00
	Unknown Friend Fund		9,000 00
	J. J. Dixwell Fund		10,000 00
	Nathaniel Merriam Fund		10,000 00
	Sidney Bartlett Fund		2,000 00
	William Warren Fund		5,000 00
	G. E. Downes Fund		20,000 00
	Mary Georgina Sturgis Fund		500 00
	Mary Blake Wheeler Fund		100 00
	Notes payable		800 00
	General Fund, April 1, 1894	$28,485 32	
	Profit and lost during year	1,577 59	
	General Fund, April 1, 1895		26,907 73
			$132,633 15

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account of Henry B. Cabot, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1, 1895, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated.

Signed, TUCKER DALAND, ALEX. S. PORTER, } *Auditing Committee.*

THE SECRETARY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO ANY ONE POINTING OUT TO HER ERRORS IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

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"Any person desiring to be a life member may become so by paying fifty dollars or more"—*Extract from the By-Laws.*

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Miss A. P. Cary.
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Mrs. Alexander Cochrane.
Mrs. Charles R. Codman.
William E. Coffin.
Mrs. W. E. Coffin.
Mrs. T. J. Coolidge.
Greely S. Curtis.
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Mrs. B. W. Taggard.
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Lewis W. Tappan, Jr.
Miss Mary A. Tappan.
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Mrs. A. F. Wadsworth.
Mrs. G. W. Wales.
Mrs. C. E. Ware.
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Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright.
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Miss Charlotte L. Ware.

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Mrs. Louis Agassiz	10 00	Mrs. George Faulkner	10 00
Mrs. F. L. Ames	25 00	Mrs. A. Flagg	10 00
Mrs. James B. Ames	5 00	Miss S. E. French	3 00
Mrs. J. F. Anderson	5 00		
		George A. Goddard	10 00
Mrs. John C. Bancroft	5 00	Miss Julia Goddard	5 00
Miss M. H. Bartlett	3 00	Miss Matilda Goddard	3 00
Mrs. Horatio Bigelow	5 00	Miss E. C. Gray	10 00
Robert C. Billings	10 00	Mrs. D. S. Greenough	10 00
Mrs. George B. Blake	10 00		
E. D. Boit, Jr.	10 00	Miss F. K. Harris	1 00
C. P. Bowditch	5 00	Mrs. William Harris	1 00
Martin Brimmer	25 00	Mrs. James W. Hayward	3 00
Mrs. Henry Bryant	5 00	Mrs. H. L. Higginson	30 00
Mrs. W. S. Bullard	10 00	Mrs. S. P. Holbrook	5 00
		Daniel C. Holder	3 00
Mrs. J. Elliot Cabot	5 00	Mrs. John Homans	5 00
Samuel Cabot	50 00	E. W. Hooper	50 00
Mrs. George P. Carter	5 00		
Miss A. P. Cary	25 00	Edward Jackson	5 00
Miss Ellen G. Cary	10 00	Miss Ellen M. Jones	5 00
J. B. Case	3 00		
Mrs. J. B. Case	3 00	Mrs. F. A. Kennedy	20 00
Mrs. J. F. Clarke	5 00	Mrs. D. P. Kimball	5 00
Miss L. F. Clarke	2 00	Miss S. Frank King	3 00
Mrs. James M. Codman	5 00		
Mrs. Algernon Coolidge	10 00	Mrs. Henry Lee	10 00
Mrs. William E. Cox	15 00	Mrs. J. E. Lodge	10 00
Mrs. J. H. Cunningham	3 00	Mrs. T. K. Lothrop	10 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	15 00	Mrs. Martha P. Lowe	1 00
C. P. Curtis	10 00	Charles Lowell	5 00
R. M. Cushing	25 00	Mrs. Charles Lowell	10 00
		Mrs. G. G. Lowell	10 00
Mrs. Arthur B. Denny	5 00	Mrs. John Lowell	5 00
Miss Elizabeth E. Denny	5 00	Mr. A. T. Lyman	20 00
Mrs. S. Parkman Dexter	3 00	Mrs. Theodore Lyman	15 00
Mrs. Samuel Downer	3 00		
		Mrs. Charles Merriam	5 00
Mrs. S. Eliot	10 00	Francis Minot	5 00

Mrs. Henry Mitchell	$3 00	Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw	$25 00
Miss E. C. Morse	2 00	Mrs. A. F. Sise	5 00
Mrs. R. M. Morse	3 00	Mrs. Francis Skinner	10 00
Mrs. S. T. Morse	10 00	Mrs. W. H. Slocum	5 00
Mrs. Edward Motley	20 00	Mrs. C. C. Smith	5 00
		Miss L. P. Sohier	5 00
Mrs. Bennett H. Nash	5 00	Mrs. Francis P. Sprague	5 00
Miss M. P. Nichols	5 00	Mrs. J. L. Stackpole	5 00
		Mrs. C. H. Stearns	2 00
Mrs. J. F. Osgood	5 00	Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	5 00
		Mrs. E. C. Stone	5 00
Mrs. C. J. Paine	5 00	Mrs. R. Stone	5 00
Mrs. Robert T. Paine	10 00	Mrs. Charles E. Stratton	5 00
Mrs. Augustus Parker	2 00	Richard Sullivan	5 00
Miss Mary R. Parkman	10 00	Mrs. Sarah H. Swan	3 00
Mrs. O. W. Peabody	10 00		
Charles L. Peirson	10 00	Miss Olivia B. Tappan	10 00
Edward D. Peters	10 00	Miss M. A. Tappan	5 00
Mrs. W. D. Pickman	10 00	Miss C. P. Thompson	1 00
Mrs. H. V. Poor	3 00	Mrs. T. W. Tuttle	3 00
Alex. S. Porter	10 00		
Mrs. Alex. S. Porter	5 00	Mrs. George W. Wales	5 00
Mrs. Warren B. Potter	20 00	Miss A. S. Ware	5 00
George M. Preston	5 00	Miss C. L. Ware	5 00
Mrs. George H. Preston	20 00	Mrs. C. E. Ware	25 00
Mrs. George Putnam	5 00	Miss M. L. Ware	20 00
W. L. Putnam	10 00	Mrs. J. C. Warren	5 00
		Mrs. S. D. Warren	5 00
Miss Sarah E. Read	10 00	Mrs. A. Davis Weld	5 00
Miss M. A. Revere	5 00	George Wheatland, Jr.	5 00
Mrs. Alfred P. Rockwell	5 00	Mrs. Josiah Wheelwright	3 00
S. W. Rodman	5 00	Mrs. J. W. Wheelwright	10 00
		Mrs. Henry Whitman	5 00
Mrs. Epes Sargent	5 00	Mrs. H. M. Whitney	5 00
Mrs. B. Schlesinger	20 00	D. W. Williams	5 00
Mrs. Fred R. Sears	10 00	Miss E. F. Wright	10 00
Mrs. P. H. Sears	10 00		
Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20 00	Mrs. B. L. Young	10 00

DONATIONS, 1894–5.

Unknown Friend Fund . .	$1000 00	Mr. George A. Gardner . .	50 00
Miss Ellen G. Cary	10 00	Mr. F. L. Higginson . . .	50 00
Mr. Louis Curtis	10 00	Miss Susan M. Loring . . .	50 00
Sanders Fund	10 00	Mrs. Edward Philbrick . .	25 00

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC.

13 pairs stockings.—Miss Helen Adam, Jamaica Plain.

4 pairs knitted stockings.—Mrs. Peirson, Commonwealth avenue.

4 novels for nurses' library.—Miss Cary, Commonwealth avenue.

6 novels for nurses' library, $16 for services of trained nurse.—Mrs. Shaw, Commonwealth Avenue.

Harper's Magazine for the year.—Mrs. J. B. Case, Beacon Street.

Youth's Companion for the year.—Miss C. L. Ware, Cambridge, Mass.

5 novels for nurses' library. — Miss Denny, Brookline.

12 pairs stockings.—Miss A. F. Morse, Brattleboro, Vt.

5 aprons, 3 dresses, 2 skirts.—Channing Circle, Arlington Street Church, Boston.

27 diapers, 6 short skirts, 5 gertrudes, 3 white dresses, 6 colored dresses, 18 bibs.—Miss C. Homans, 184 Marlboro' Street, Boston.

2 knitted bands.—Mrs. R. P. Winslow, Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain.

11 short white dresses.—Miss Chapman, Cedar Street, Roxbury.

18 aprons, 8 double gowns.—Benevolent Society, First Parish, Dorchester.

Fruit and vegetables many times through the summer.—Mrs. Slocum, Jamaica Plain.

Barrel of apples.—Miss C. L. Ware, Cambridge.

Toys for the babies. — Mrs. Dole, Jamaica Plain.

8 wrappers, 28 long white dresses.—Benevolent Society, First Parish, Dorchester.

24 dresses, 8 long skirts, 6 short skirts, 26 bibs, 7 colored dresses, 4 diapers.—Systematic Sewing Circle.

8 bands, 1 bonnet, 1 pair boots, 2 pairs stockings.—Mrs. C. R. Hurd, Milton.

2 knit socks, 2 bands, 4 petticoats, 8 long dresses, 3 pairs boots, 5 linen shirts, 3 quilted pads, all partly worn.—Mrs. L. H. Daboy, Tremont Street.

12 pairs stockings.—Mrs. E. R. Lyman, Brookline.

From June 19th to latter part of August, 8 to 12 quarts of milk daily.—Mr. David Rice, Jamaica Plain.

2 chests of tea.—Miss Cary, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

9 night gowns, 16 bibs, 2 shirts, 2 gertrudes, 6 aprons, 1 afghan.—Dr. Steadman, Roslindale.

9 pairs boots, 3 sacks.—Miss Parsons, Beacon Street.

50 diapers, 3 sacks, 4 shirts, 5 night gowns, 2 wrappers, 2 colored gowns, 2 long skirts, 4 colored dresses, 5 long white dresses, 1 short white dress.—First Church Chapel, Needle Woman's Guild, Boston.

12 aprons made by Canton Sewing Circle, Canton, Mass.

5 pairs partly worn boots.—Mrs. J. B. Case, Beacon Street.

1 afghan, 1 clothes bag, 1 pair leggings, work on clothing for the year.—Mrs. H. L. Higginson, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

12 sacks, 1 afghan.—Mrs. H. P. Kidder, Milton, Mass.

1 pound sugar of milk, 1 bottle of lime water.—Mrs. Porter, Beacon Street, Boston.

12 pairs of overshoes for the nurses.—Miss H. A. Cummings, Brookline.

12 colored dresses.—Arlington Street Church, Boston.

3 knitted bands.—Mrs. H. P. Winslow, Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain.

12 pairs stockings. — Mrs. Lyman, Brookline.

THANKSGIVING.

Turkey.—Mrs. Case.

1 turkey and 2 quarts of cranberries.—An unknown friend.

CHRISTMAS.

Turkey.—F. A. Ganter.

Turkey.—Mrs. J. B. Case.

Dress for each nurse and toys for the babies —Mrs. J. B. Case.

APPEAL.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum submit to the public its Annual Report.

Do not fail to read it.

Since 1867 this most useful charity has taken a prominent place in this community, and has loyally fulfilled its mission in the saving of infant life. Its work has been constant; and thousands of precious lives have been saved which, but for its timely aid, would have perished by the wayside.

The Home is near the Boylston Station at Jamaica Plain. It is large, sunny, and attractive. Children are taken here temporarily until suitable boarding-places can be found. This system has proved to be so satisfactory that it is the most urgent wish of the Directors to enlarge its field.

Twenty-five children can be provided for at the Home at any time. These are boarded out as fast as possible, making room for others.

But we must have money.

This great work must go on, and we appeal to this community that owes us so much to come to our aid.

Subscriptions, large or small, are cordially invited; and they may be sent to Mr. George E. Cabot, Treasurer, 31 State Street, Boston.

For the Directors,

ALEX. S. PORTER, *President.*

MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.
INCORPORATED 1867.

Massachusetts Infant Asylum

Twenty-ninth Annual Report

OF THE

DIRECTORS

Presented to the Corporation at the Annual Meeting

APRIL 14, 1896

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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1896–97.

President.

ALEXANDER S. PORTER, 27 State Street, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

SAMUEL CABOT, 70 Kilby Street, Boston.
HENRY F. JENKS, Canton.

Secretary.

Dr. E. CHANNING STOWELL, 9 Massachusetts Avenue.

Treasurer.

GEORGE E. CABOT, 31 State Street, Boston.

Assistant Treasurer.

ARTHUR H. BROOKS, 53 State Street, Boston.

Directors.

Arthur H. Brooks	53 State Street, Boston.
George E. Cabot	31 State Street, Boston.
Samuel Cabot	70 Kilby Street, Boston.
Miss Anne P. Cary	34 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Mrs. James B. Case	468 Beacon Street, Boston.
B. Preston Clark	55 Kilby Street, Boston.
Mrs. Algernon Coolidge	81 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Miss H. Alma Cummings	Cypress Street, Brookline.
Greely S. Curtis	28 Mount Vernon Street, Boston.
Tucker Daland	Fisher Avenue, Brookline.
Richard H. Dana	53 State Street, Boston.
Miss Elizabeth E. Denny	Upland Road, Brookline.
Miss Rose Dexter	18 Exeter Street, Boston.
Mrs. C. R. Eliot	2 West Cedar Street, Boston.
Miss Helen P. Emmons	373 Marlborough Street, Boston.

Rev. Henry F. Jenks	Canton.
Mr. Charles Lowell	73 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Mrs. Charles Lowell	73 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Francis Minot, M.D.	65 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Mrs. Sumner B. Pearmain	295 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Mrs. Charles L. Peirson	191 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Alexander S. Porter	27 State Street, Boston.
William L. Putnam	50 State Street, Boston.
Miss Maria A. Revere	Canton.
Miss Mary C. Rogers	Canton.
Mrs. G. Howland Shaw	23 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
Dr. E. Channing Stowell	9 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston.
Mrs. A. Davis Weld	Forest Hills Street, Jamaica Plain.
Miss Grace Williamson	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.
Mrs. W. C. Williamson	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Admission.

Miss CARY. Miss CUMMINGS.
Miss DEXTER.

Business with City and State.

Mr. DANA. Mr. PUTNAM.
Mr. CURTIS.

Clothing.

Mrs. PEIRSON. Mrs. LOWELL.

House.

Mr. DALAND. Miss CARY.
Mrs. WELD.

Adoption and Discharge.

Miss REVERE. Mr. PUTNAM. Mrs. COOLIDGE. Mrs. SHAW.

Boarding.

Mrs. CASE.
Mrs. WILLIAMSON.
Miss EMMONS.
Mrs. COOLIDGE.
Mrs. PEARMAIN.
Miss ROGERS.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Mrs. SHAW.
Mrs. LOWELL.
Dr. CHAS. P. PUTNAM, *ex officio.*
Mr. CLARK.
Mr. CABOT, *ex officio.*

Finance.

Mr. DANA. Mr. LOWELL.

Auditors.

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. DALAND.

Matron.

Miss M. McKEAN.

Attending Physicians.

Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlborough Street.
Dr. H. W. Broughton, Gordon Street, Jamaica Plain.
Dr. Arthur P. Perry, 60 Elm Street, Jamaica Plain.

Consulting Physicians.

Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlborough Street.
Dr. Arthur T. Cabot, 3 Marlborough Street.

VISITORS.

April	Mrs. Peirson.	Mrs. Coolidge.
May	Mrs. Pearmain.	Miss Williamson.
June	Miss Williamson.	
July	Mrs. Weld.	Mrs. Weld.
August	Miss Revere.	Miss Revere.
September	Miss Cummings.	Mrs. Pearmain.
October		Miss Emmons.
November	Mrs. Eliot.	Mrs. Shaw.
December	Mrs. Coolidge.	Mrs. Peirson.
January	Miss Williamson.	Mrs. Case.
February	Miss Emmons.	Miss Cary.
March	Mrs. Lowell.	Miss Cummings.

THE MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of Boylston Station, on the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Applications for admission may be made to the Admission Committee at Charity Building, Chardon Street, daily, between the hours of 10 and 11 A.M., except during the months of July, August, and September, when all applications should be made to the Matron, at the Massachusetts Infant Asylum.

No child born out of the State is admitted except under provision of law. Such children may be admitted, however, when over six months, if presented by other Institutions and board be paid.

No children over nine months are admitted without board; but children who pay board may be taken up to the age of eighteen months.

All children are subject to medical examination before admission.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock P.M.

Trains leave the Park Square Station of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for Boylston Station at frequent intervals.

Electric cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every ten minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum herewith present their twenty-ninth Annual Report: —

April 1, 1895, the Asylum had under its care	25
Added during the year	47*
	72
Died or left the Asylum	35†
In care of the Asylum April 1, 1896	37
	72
In the main Asylum	19
At board	18
	37

* State children, 1; nurses' children, 18; committee children, 28.

137 applications were made to the Admission Committee.

6 applications were withdrawn.
6 were refused because of bad character of applicant.
14 were provided for in various ways.
5 were over age.
35 were for adoption only.
13 were unsuitable cases.
24 for lack of accommodations and funds.
28 were admitted by the committee.
2 were born out of the State.
4 were admitted with their mothers, nurses.

137

† 4 died.
3 adopted.
16 committee children taken by relatives.
11 discharged with their mothers.
1 State child discharged.

35

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum was incorporated May 15, 1867, by the legislature of Massachusetts "for the purpose of assisting and providing for deserted and destitute children."

It was a knowledge of the frightful number of deaths among the motherless infants in our large almshouses that first turned the attention of the public to the necessity for an infant asylum. The plan has always been to disperse the infants as widely as possible, our aim and hope being to secure individual treatment of each child at board, with always a central building for the reception and care of children when first admitted. The children in the house are under the supervision of the Matron, Attending Physician, and the visitors of the month. Those at board are watched over by the Boarding Committee or by some one of the Directors near whom they are boarded. The number of children which can be cared for in the Asylum building has always been small, and is now still smaller, as through economy we have been forced to shut up one wing. *We should be glad, however, to take charge of many more in our boarding-places; and it is a source of constant regret to us that our limited income seriously restricts our capacity for usefulness. There is a large class of infants born of respectable parents whose birth comes at a time when poverty, illness, or death has visited the home, and when the Asylum can bring great relief to the overworked father or mother.*

At one happy time we had 125 children under our charge: now for lack of means the number has dwindled to 36.

A trained nurse visiting the Asylum lately exclaimed that the babies did not look like "institution" children, but like carefully cared for babies in their own homes. We give the history of a few of the children now in our charge, all born in wedlock.

Case 1.— Syrian mother dead. No friends or relatives in America.

Case 2.— Italian mother dead.

Case 3.— German mother dead. 3 other children.

Case 4.— American mother dead. No friends or relatives.

Case 5.— Mother dead. 3 other children.

Cases 6, 7.— Twins. Mother became insane ten days after the birth.

Case 8.— Mother very ill in hospital when child was admitted.

Case 9.—American parents lost their first child, realized that this second infant was fading in the same way, and applied to have it taken care of. The child under care of the Asylum has grown strong and healthy, to the great joy of the parents.

Case 10.— Mother ill in hospital when child was admitted.

In June, 1895, representatives from other child-helping societies met the Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum for the purpose of discussing any possible co-operation which would be of advantage to all. It was thought that some central bureau of investigation would greatly facilitate the best disposal of needy cases. As the Children's Aid Society had all the machinery and scientific experience requisite, it was decided to try a four months' co-operative experiment with this society as a central bureau to investigate all cases of infant destitution, whether sent from the co-operating societies or from the city at large. Each society contributed to the expense involved, the Massachusetts Infant Asylum

giving $75 from the treasury. At the end of the four months it was determined, if possible, to continue; and it was voted by the committee of the interested societies that the work should be under the charge of a committee of one from each society, and that each society should keep a record on blanks furnished by the Children's Aid. In return, the Children's Aid should furnish quarterly reports covering all its work with infants and special reports of cases investigated for any given co-operating society. The Directors of the Infant Asylum voted that the required records should be kept by the Admission Committee and the Matron, if the required money could be raised by private subscription, as the treasury is too poor to allow of any extra expense.

The expenses of our Clothing Committee are, as usual, limited to the cost of material. All the sewing is done by charitable societies and through the generosity of ladies who give out the work.

Attention is called to the report of the Treasurer. The fear that this year's account would show a deficit has been realized. Our expenses, although governed by the strictest economy, exceed our receipts by a sum of considerable magnitude.

Our boarding-out system has been explained so many times in these reports that there is nothing new to say, but it may interest the public if we give the experience of one home which is typical of many of our boarding-places. Nineteen years ago a baby boarder was sent from the Massachusetts Infant Asylum to a farm-house not many miles from Boston. The family at that time

consisted of aged parents, two daughters, and a son. The money received for the board helped the daughters to remain at home to share the care of the household, and the coming of the baby brought cheer into the family life. The child throve so well that after a time another was sent to keep it company, and from that time to the present, with almost no intermission, there have been two Asylum children in the house; and it has often happened that a third child has been added to the group, who has been kept for the parents after it has graduated from the Asylum. During these years there have been thirty-two children in that home and only one of the number has died. This is a notable fact; for we have frequently sent very delicate children, partly because they have careful and skilful attention, and partly because the change from the Asylum to the country is often very beneficial to an ailing child. Eleven out of these thirty-two children have been adopted, and from eight of them the family have heard. This boarding-place is visited by the Boarding Committee and from the Asylum proper, and all agree that the visitor is always welcome and the visits are pleasant.

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

Of the 72 children cared for at the asylum during the past year, 4 have died.

This is a larger percentage than usual, but is in no way due to any epidemic or unusual cause. Being so frequently the children of unhealthy parents, the children are good subjects for disease; and it is only by great care and attention on the part of the Matron and her assistant that many of them survive.

The causes of death were as follows, marasmus, 1; meningitis, 2; general tuberculosis, 1.

The nurses have been unusually well, only a few slight illnesses having occurred.

It has been suggested that something of the system of feeding the children be given in this report, and we take pleasure in doing so.

Previous to 1890 the babies had been fed on various mixtures, which were then thought to be best adapted to their needs.

In that year, however, these were replaced with a food composed of cream, milk, and water, in definite proportion, sweetened with milk sugar. This was poured into flasks, put in a sterilizer, and kept at a temperature of 212° for fifteen minutes, when it was taken off and cooled.

Lime water was then added.

Two years ago cane sugar was substituted for the sugar of milk, without the slightest detriment to the children and with the results of a saving to the asylum of $100 a year.

The food at present is and has for some time past been pasteurized (raised and kept at a temperature of 170°) instead of being sterilized, as formerly, thereby being rendered more digestible.

In order to suit individual needs, it is necessary to vary the food somewhat; but almost all take kindly to the standard mixture.

The feedings are three hours apart in the daytime, and the children nurse once during the night. Each nurse cares for two babies, giving them the breast one feeding and the bottle the next.

Since this system was begun, there has been almost complete freedom from the common digestive troubles of infants; and serious intestinal diseases, so common in hot weather, have been unknown.

ARTHUR P. PERRY, M.D.,

For the Physicians.

Dr. GEORGE E. CABOT, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1895.			
April 1.	Balance as per account rendered		$953.15
1896.			
April 1.	Amounts received during the year:		
	Annual subscriptions	$1,166.50	
	Donations	90.00	
	Amount subscribed for board of extra children	556.00	
	Board paid by mothers	1,046.00	
	Income from funds	3,606.34	
	From State of Massachusetts	87.43	
	Life membership	50.00	
	Current receipts		6,602.27
	Bequest of Miss Anna C. Lowell		10,000.00
1895.			
Dec. 12.	Sold $1,000 Chicago Junction Railways and Union Stock Yards collateral trust 5 per cent. bond		1,087.50
	Sold $1,000 Eastern R.R. of Minnesota 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bond		1,037.64
1896.			
Jan. 14.	Sold $500 Chicago, Burlington & Northern 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bond		510.00
Jan. 31.	Sold $6,000 City of Lynn 4 per cent. bonds		6,082.50
			$26,273.06

1896.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during year:		
	Salaries and wages	$1,932.18	
	Milk	539.34	
	Provisions	1,042.15	
	Ice and water	70.41	
	Clothing	162.33	
	Light and fuel	671.99	
	Drugs and medicines	48.37	
	Repairs, house furnishing, and material	248.92	
	Stationery and printing	108.92	
	Telephone and express	53.55	
	Incidentals	146.28	
	Insurance	225.00	
	Amount paid Children's Aid Society	75.00	
	Rent of safe at vaults (2 years)	60.00	
	Board of children	2,645.73	
	Expenses (accrued interest)	225.61	$8,255.78
1895.			
May 20.	Bought 60 shares Penn. R.R.		3,153.13
July 1.	Bought 1 share C., B. & Q.		85.75
July 15.	Bought $4,000 Brooklyn Wharf & Warehouse Co. 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bonds		4,231.81
July 15.	Bought $500 Boston Electric Light 1st mortgage 6 per cent. bonds		551.25
Dec. 19.	Bought 9 shares American Bell Telephone Co.		1,831.50
1896.			
Jan. 12.	Bought 3 shares American Bell Telephone Co.		594.00
Jan. 28.	Paid note at Massachusetts National Bank		800.00
Jan. 31.	Bought $5,000 Boston Electric Light 1st mortgage 6 per cent. bonds		5,425.00
	Note secured by collateral		650.00
	Balance		694.84
			$26,273.06

Dr. GENERAL PROPERTY

1896. April 1.			
Cora Lyman Fund:			
$4,000 City of Boston 4 per cent. bonds		$4,420.00	
$10,000 Leland House 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bond		10,000.00	
$5,000 Boston Electric Light 1st mortgage 6 per cent. bonds		5,425.00	
$650 note at 5 per cent., secured by collateral		650.00	$20,495.00
Clothing Fund:			
16 shares C., B. & Q. R.R.		$1,972.80	
$1,000 Eastern R.R. Minnesota 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bond		1,027.50	3,000.30
Cabot Fund:			
$1,000 Oregon Rail. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent. bond, trust certificate		$1,011.45	1,011.45
May Fund:			
5 shares Third National Bank		$458.50	458.50
Joy Fund:			
$6,500 A., T. & S. F. 1st mortgage 4 per cent. bonds, trust certificate		$5,333.90	5,333.90
Lowell Fund (Restricted):			
$1,000 A., T. & S. F. 1st mortgage 4 per cent. bonds trust receipt,	$820.60		
$1,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Ren. 5 per cent. bonds trust receipt	1,030.00		
$1,000 Oregon Rail. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent. bonds trust receipt	1,011.45		
21 shares C., B. & Q. R.R.	2,742.43		
15 shares N.Y. C. & H. R. R.R.	1,496.25		
12 shares American Bell Telephone Company	2,425.50		
$500 Boston Electric Light 1st mortgage 6 per cent. bond	551.25		10,077.48
Lowell Fund (Unrestricted):			
60 shares Penn. R.R. Co.	$3,153.13		
$4,000 Brooklyn Wharf & Warehouse Co. 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bonds	4,231.81		7,384.94
Hollingsworth Fund:			
Suffolk Savings Bank Book		$100.00	100.00
Dixwell Fund:			
10 shares Chicago Real Estate, agreement of trust		$10,000.00	10,000.00
Downes Fund:			
$4,000 N.E. Mortgage Security 5 per cent. bonds		$3,765.00	
$7,000 St. Jo. & Grand Island 1st mortgage 6 per cent. bonds, trust certificate		7,500.00	
$2,000 U. P. Linc. & Col. 5 per cent. bonds, trust certificate		2,012.50	
60 shares Third National Bank		6,392.25	
$1,000 Oregon Rail. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent. bonds, trust certificate,		1,011.46	20,681.21
Warren Fund:			
$5,000 U. P. Omaha Bridge Ren. 5 per cent. bonds, trust certificate		$5,150.00	5,150.00
Merriam Fund:			
63 shares C., B. & Q. R.R.		$8,359.85	8,359.85
Bartlett Fund:			
$2,000 Oregon Rail. & Nav. Cons. 5 per cent. bonds, trust certificate		$2,022.90	2,022.90
M. G. Sturgis Fund:			
$500 C., B. & N. 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bond		$519.85	519.85
M. B. Wheeler Fund:			
Suffolk Savings Bank Book		$100.00	100.00
			$94,695.38
General Funds:			
Land and buildings	$43,950.74		
Furniture	882.02		44,832.76
Sundry cash			694.84
			$140,222.98

ACCOUNT. *Cr.*

1896.	April 1.		
	Cora Lyman Fund		$20,000.00
	Joy Fund		5,000.00
	Clothing Fund		3,025.00
	Hannah Cabot Fund		1,000.00
	Hollingsworth Fund		100.00
	Putnam Fund		3,000.00
	May Fund		500.00
	Lowell Fund (Restricted)		9,000.00
	Lowell Fund (Unrestricted)		10,000.00
	J. J. Dixwell Fund		10,000.00
	N. Merriam Fund		10,000.00
	Sidney Bartlett Fund		2,000.00
	William Warren Fund		5,000.00
	Downes Fund		20,000.00
	Mary Georgiana Sturgis Fund		500.00
	Mary Blake Wheeler Fund		100.00
	Building Fund		15,700.42
	General Fund April 1, 1895	$26,907.73	
	Profit and loss during year	1,610.17	
	General Fund April 1, 1896		25,297.56
			$140,222.98

I, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account of George E. Cabot, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the year ending April 1, 1896, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated.

Signed, TUCKER DALAND,
for Auditing Committee.

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Adams, Mrs. John Q.
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Higginson, Mrs. Henry L.
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Hooper, Mrs. Robert C.
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King, Franklin

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Pickman, Mrs. W. D.
Pitman, Isaac
Pitman, Mrs. Isaac
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Pratt, Mrs. Langdon
Proctor, Mrs. T. B.

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Wheelwright, Mrs. A. C.
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Winthrop, Mrs. T. L.
Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.

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Abbott, Mrs. Henry W.	$25.00
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Ames, Mrs. F. L.	25.00
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Bigelow, Mrs. Horatio	5.00
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Bowditch, C. P.	5.00
Bryant, Mrs. Henry	5.00
Bullard, Mrs. W. S.	10.00
Cabot, Mrs. J. Elliot	5.00
Cabot, Samuel	50.00
Carter, Mrs. George P.	5.00
Cary, Miss Annie P.	25.00
Cary, Miss Ellen G.	10.00
Case, J. B.	3.00
Case, Mrs. J. B.	3.00
Clarke, Mrs. J. F.	5.00
Clarke, Miss L. F.	2.00
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Coolidge, Mrs. Algernon	10.00
Cox, Mrs. W. E.	15.00
Cunningham, J. H.	3.00
Curtis, C. P.	10.00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	15.00
Cushing, R. M.	25.00
Downer, Mrs. Samuel	$3.00
Denny, Mrs. Arthur B.	5.00
Denny, Miss E. E.	5.00
Eliot, Mrs. C. R.	3.00
Eliot, Mrs. Samuel	10.00
Endicott, William, Jr.	5.00
Farwell, Mrs. A. G.	2.00
Faulkner, Mrs. George	10.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	10.00
Goddard, George A.	10.00
Goddard, Miss Julia	5.00
Goddard, Miss Matilda	3.00
Gray, Miss E. C.	10.00
Greenough, Mrs. D. S.	10.00
Harris, Miss F. K.	1.00
Harris, Mrs. William	1.00
Hayward, Mrs. J. W.	3.00
Higginson, Mrs. H. L.	30.00
Holbrook, Mrs. S. P.	5.00
Holder, D. C.	3.00
Homans, Mrs. John	5.00
Hooper, E. W.	50.00
Jackson, Edward	5.00
Jones, Miss Ellen M.	5.00
Kennedy, Mrs. F. A.	20.00
Kimball, Mrs. D. P.	5.00
King, Miss S. Frank	3.00

Lee, Mrs. Henry	$10.00
Lothrop, Mrs. T. K.	10.00
Lowe, Mrs. Martha P.	1.00
Lowell, Charles	5.00
Lowell, Mrs. Charles	10.00
Lowell, Mrs. G. G.	10.00
Lowell, Mrs. John	5.00
Lyman, A. T.	20.00
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Memain, Charles	5.00
Minot, Dr. Francis	5.00
Mitchell, Mrs. Henry	3.00
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Morse, Mrs. R. M.	3.00
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Motley, Mrs. Edward	20.00
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Nichols, Miss M. P.	5.00
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Paine, Mrs. C. J.	5.00
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Rodman, S. W.	5.00
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Schlesinger, Mrs. B.	20.00
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Ware, Miss C. L.	5.00
Ware, Miss M. L.	20.00
Warren, Mrs. J. C.	5.00
Warren, Mrs. S. D.	5.00
Weld, Mrs. A. D.	5.00
Wheatland, George, Jr.	5.00
Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah	3.00
Wheelwright, Mrs. J. W.	10.00
Whitman, Mrs. Henry	5.00
Whitney, Mrs. H. M.	5.00
Whittier, Miss	5.00
Williams, D. W.	5.00
Wright, Miss E. F.	10.00
Young, Mrs. B. L.	10.00

BEQUEST.

Miss Anna C. Lowell	$10,000.00

DONATIONS, 1895–96.

Sanders Fund	$10.00
Putnam, Miss G. L.	20.00
Putnam, Miss M. L.	10.00
Lowell, Miss M. A.	5.00
Eliot, Mrs. Charles	25.00
Nicholson, Mrs.	1.00
Hale, David	1.00
Babcock, S. W.	3.00
Walworth Construction and Supply Company	15.00
Gardner, G. A.	50.00

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC.

April.

8 winter bonnets for the babies.— Mrs. E. C. Stone, Northampton.
Colored doll and rag cat, 13 diapers.— Name unknown.
2 carriage robes.— Olive Everett.
5 pairs of partly worn shoes for the nurses.— Mrs. J. B. Case.
21 pairs of knitted stockings.— Mrs. J. B. Case.
14 double gowns, 17 dresses.— First Parish, Dorchester, Benevolent Society.

2 pairs of knit stockings.— Mrs. C. L. Peirson, Commonwealth Avenue.
10 pillow slips, 23 short petticoats, 23 gertrudes, 2 waists, 1 short white dress, 30 colored dresses, 2 aprons, 2 diapers, 26 bibs, 1 red flannel dress.— Systematic Sewing Circle, Boston, Mass.
12 pairs of knit stockings.— Mrs. Theodore Lyman, Brookline.

May.

15 bands, 14 night gowns, 10 diapers.— '91 Sewing Circle, Brookline, Mass.
Youth's Companions, 2 pairs of knit stockings, 1 jacket.— Miss Ware, Cambridge, Mass.
31 bibs, 16 aprons.— First Parish, Canton, Mass.
2 partly worn sacks.— Mrs. C. R. Hurd, Milton, Mass.
7 partly worn dresses for babies.— Miss Cummings, Brookline, Mass.
5 pairs of partly worn stockings, 4 bibs, 1 bonnet, 2 outside garments, 3 short dresses.— Mrs. L. H. Daloz, 510 Tremont Street.
8 large night gowns, 6 kitchen towels, 3 roller towels, 4 flannel skirts, 2 dozen pillow slips, 12 aprons.— Needle Woman's Friend Society, through Mrs. Richardson and Miss Jenks.
12 pairs stockings.— Mrs. Lyman.
2 hoods, 2 sacks, 5 pairs of socks, carriage robe.— Box 234, Waltham.
4 bands, 1 bonnet partly worn.— Mrs. C. R. Hurd, Milton.
1 night dress, 1 pillow slip, 2 bands, 2 diapers.— '91 Sewing Circle.
3 colored aprons.— Mrs. Mendall, Boylston Station, Jamaica Plain.
6 bound books.— Mrs. G. H. Shaw, for nurses' library.
Book case, 8 bound books, and *McClure's Magazine* for the year.— Miss Parkman, Brimmer Street, Boston.
8 dresses (long), 3 night gowns, 1 apron.—Benevolent Society, First Parish, Dorchester.
11 pairs of knit stockings.— Miss Helen Adam, Jamaica Plain.
Harper's Magazine for the year.— Mrs. Case.

Christmas.

A dress for each nurse and servant, toys for the babies.— Mrs. J. B. Case.
A handkerchief for each nurse and each servant.— Mrs. Coolidge.
A handkerchief for each nurse.— Miss Ware, Cambridge.
A turkey.— Mrs. Case.
A turkey.— Mr. Ganter.
Youth's Companion for the year.— Miss Ware, Cambridge, Mass.
3 pairs of partly worn shoes, 8 bound books, 7 paper novels, 4 games.— Mrs. C. Lowell, Marlborough Street, Boston.
4 pairs of stockings.— Mrs. Caroline Lawrence, Danvers, Mass.

1 crib quilt.— The Ladies' Physiological Institute, Boston, Mass.

Work on 12 shirts, 3 dozen bibs.— Canton Sewing Circle.

2 hoods, 1 pair of stockings, 2 bands, 2 pairs of socks.—Mrs. C. L. Peirson.

73 short white dresses, 12 long dresses, 5 night gowns, 12 short skirts.— Ladies' Aid Society, West End Hospital.

12 pairs of knit stockings.— Mrs. Theodore Lyman, Brookline.

11 dozen and 3 pairs of stockings.— Mrs. B. F. Sturtevant, Jamaica Plain.

2 pairs of stockings.— Mrs. Lawrence, Danvers, Mass.

Work on 9 shirts, 21 bibs.— First Parish, Canton, Mass.

The Illustrated London News for 1895.— Miss Cummings, Cypress Street, Brookline.

Work on the clothing and expressage on the parcels throughout the year.— Mrs. H. L. Higginson.

INCORPORATION OF THE INFANT ASYLUM.

The large number of infants perishing at the almshouses, rated even at ninety in the hundred, having attracted the attention of the Board of State Charities as well as of persons in the community ever ready to promote all reasonable claims upon the liberality of the public, by their joint efforts the Asylum was founded. It was estimated that there were annually in the State about two hundred infants abandoned, deserted, or left orphans under circumstances that would entitle them to be received in the proposed institution, of whom one-half would be illegitimate, and at least one-half belong to Boston. It was consequently determined to apply for a Charter, and open an establishment for this purpose in the neighborhood of Boston, and afterward others in other parts of the State, one part of the plan being to board out the children wherever suitable places could be found. The legislature of 1867, without a dissenting voice, granted the desired Charter in the following terms: —

AN ACT

To incorporate the Massachusetts Infant Asylum.

[1867, Ch. 230.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Martin Brimmer, Thomas C. Amory, Mary J. Quincy, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for the purpose of assisting and providing for deserted and destitute infant children, with all the power and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the sixty-eighth chapter of the General Statutes, and in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation may hold for the purposes aforesaid real and personal estate not exceeding in value $120,000.

Sect. 3. The overseers of the poor of any city or town in the Commonwealth and the superintendents and inspectors of the State

almshouses may place deserted and destitute infants in the care of said corporation under the laws for the relief of the poor, and such sum shall be paid for the temporary support of such infants as may be agreed upon between the parties; provided that said overseers and the Board of State Charities shall use all reasonable care to collect the cost of such temporary support from parties justly chargeable with the same whenever they can be ascertained, and to remove those not born or not having a settlement in this State. [*Approved May* 15, 1867.]

This Act of Incorporation was formally accepted by a majority of the persons named therein on the 11th of July, 1867.

AN ACT

In Addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Infant Asylum.

[1870, Ch. 136.]

Section 1. Whenever an infant having no known settlement in this Commonwealth shall be received by the Massachusetts Infant Asylum agreeably to the provisions of the Act incorporating the same, immediate notice shall be given in writing of such reception to the Board of State Charities by the directors of said asylum or by their direction; and said board shall have authority to examine the case, and remove such infant, if they consider such removal expedient. The expense incurred by said asylum for the support of such infant after the bills for the same shall have been approved by the Board of State Charities or by the person delegated by them to audit the same shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth to an amount not exceeding four dollars per week for each infant, provided, however, that the Commonwealth shall be under no obligation to reimburse said asylum for any expense incurred for the support of any such infant for a period of more than one week prior to the giving of the notice provided for in this act.

Sect. 2. The authority of the Board of State Charities, as to any infant mentioned in the foregoing section, shall be the same that said board has as to infants in the State almshouses.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March* 31, 1870.]

AN ACT

For the Protection of Destitute Children.

[1870, Ch. 92.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the town, city, or State authorities charged with the custody of destitute children shall delegate to the directors or managers of any charitable institution incorporated by law the custody of an infant of less than four years old, the said directors or managers shall be held to comply with the provisions of law, and be subject to all the restrictions concerning such infant as may be required by law of the authorities so delegating the trust.

Sect. 2. When the parents, surviving parent, or guardian, where neither parent is living, of an infant shall, by his instrument in writing, acknowledged before some one having the powers of a justice of the peace, delegate to the directors or managers of any incorporated charitable institution, authorized to accept the same, the custody of an infant under twelve years of age, and renounce all future control over the same, the consent of the directors or managers of such institution to the adoption of such child according to the General Laws regulating adoption shall have the same effect as publication under section two, chapter one hundred and ten, of the General Laws: *provided, further*, that a copy of the written consent shall be spread on the record of the case of adoption, and the decree of the judge be recorded in Probate Court in the county from whence the child was taken by the managers, and in the county where the decree is made.

Sect. 3. Where any infant lawfully in the custody of such a charitable institution as aforesaid has been wilfully deserted and abandoned for more than four months by its parents or natural guardian, the authorities of such institution may procure any suitable person in this Commonwealth to take and support such child for such time as may be specified in a written agreement made for that purpose, not exceeding the time when the child shall be fourteen

years old. The form and conditions of such agreement shall be prescribed by the Board of State Charities, and said agreement, with a descriptive list of the origin, name, age, and person of the infant, so far as known, and the name and residence and recommendations of the person taking the child, shall be returned to the Board of State Charities in such form as they may prescribe: *provided, further*, that all children within the purview of this Act, except those named in section two, shall be subject to the visitation and control now provided by the General Laws for children put out or apprenticed from State institutions: *provided, further*, that nothing herein contained shall diminish the legal rights which parents, guardians, and next of kin now have.

SECT. 4. All Acts and parts of Acts repugnant to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE VISITING AGENCY AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

[1870, Ch. 359.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a visiting agent of the Board of State Charities, who shall hold his office for three years, unless sooner removed, and who shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, and may employ such assistants and incur such expenses as said board may approve.

SECT. 2. Said agent or his assistant shall, as often as once a year, visit by himself or an assistant all children maintained wholly or in part by the State, or who have been indentured* or placed in charge of a person by any State institution, board, or officer of the Commonwealth, or under any provision of this Act. He shall inquire into the condition of such children and make such other investigations in relation thereto as said Board of State Charities may pre-

* The words in the Act 1869, Ch. 452, "given in adoption," are omitted in 1870, Ch. 359.

scribe. And for the purpose aforesaid said agent or his assistant may have private interviews with such children at any time.

SECT. 3. When said agent is of opinion that a child so indentured or placed in charge of a person cannot, with advantage to the child, be longer so held, he shall report the facts to the institution, board, or officer by which such child was indentured, and said institution, board, or officer may cancel the indenture or contract by giving notice as provided in section one, chapter three hundred and two, Acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and return such child to the institution from which indentured or taken; or, on application of such institution, board, or officer, the Board of State Charities may transfer him or her to any other institution maintained by the Commonwealth for the support or reformation of children, or indenture him or her to some other person, or otherwise provide for his or her maintenance during minority or for a less time. The cancellation of the indenture or contract shall not operate as a discharge of the minor under any sentence or order of commitment.

SECT. 4. No child shall be indentured, adopted, or taken in charge of any person from a State institution until notice of an application therefor has been given to said agent, and his report in writing, made after investigation into the propriety thereof, is filed with such institution. And all applications for the release or discharge of any children so indentured or placed in charge of persons shall be given to said agent for his report in like manner. And, if any child is disposed of contrary to his report and recommendation, he shall report all the facts in the case to the Board of State Charities for its action.

AN ACT

IN RELATION TO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

[1871, Ch. 310.]

SECTION 1. Any person may petition the Probate Court in the county of his residence for leave to adopt a child; and, if the petitioner is not an inhabitant of this State, such petition may be made to the Probate Court in the county where the child resides, but the prayer of said petitioner by a person having a husband or wife shall not be granted unless the husband or wife join therein.

SECT. 2. No decree for such adoption shall be made except as hereinafter provided without the written consent of the surviving parent or parents of the child, of the guardian of the child, if any, and of the child, if above the age of fourteen years; and a giving up of the child in writing for the purpose of adoption to any charitable institution incorporated by law shall operate as a consent to any adoption subsequently approved by such institution.

SECT. 3. If either parent is unknown or adjudged hopelessly insane or imprisoned in the State prison or house of correction under sentence for a term not less than three years or has wilfully deserted and neglected to provide proper care and maintenance for such child for one year next preceding the date of the petition or suffered such child to be supported by any charitable institution incorporated by law or as a pauper by any city or town or by the State for more than one year continuously prior to the petition, the consent of such parents shall not be required.

SECT. 4. If both parents are dead, due notice of such petition shall be given to the guardian, if any, and to the next of kin in this State; and, in all cases where such child is supported by any charitable institution incorporated by law or as a pauper by any city or town or by the State, due notice shall be given to the visiting agent of the Board of State Charities.

SECT. 5. Whenever the parent, if living, does not consent, the court shall order notice of the pendency of the petition by personal service on such parent of a copy of the petition and order thereon, or, if such parent is not found within the State, by publication thereof once a week for three successive weeks in such newspaper or newspapers as the court shall order, the last publication to be seven days at least before the time appointed for the hearing. And in any case the court may order such additional notice and consent as may be deemed proper, provided that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to require notice to the father of an illegitimate child or any other parent whose consent is dispensed with by section three.

SECT. 6. Adults.

SECT. 7. If satisfied of the identity and relations of the parties, and that the petitioner is of sufficient ability to bring up the child and furnish suitable nurture and education, and that it is proper that such adoption should take effect, the court shall make a decree ordering that the child or person shall thereafter be to all legal intents and purposes the child of the petitioner, and may also decree such change of name as the petitioner may pray for.

SECT. 8. A child or person so adopted shall be deemed for the purpose of inheritance and all other legal consequences of the natural relation of parent and child to be the child of the parent or parents by adoption as if born to them in lawful wedlock, except that he shall not take property expressly limited to the heirs of the body or bodies of the parents by adoption, nor property from the lineal or collateral kindred of such parents by right of representation.

SECT. 9. Such adoption shall terminate all the rights, obligations, and legal incidents and consequences of the natural relation of parent and child between the child or person and his natural parents, except the right of the child or person to take property as heir or next of kin of his natural parents or kindred directly by right of representation.

SECT. 10. Any person aggrieved by an order, denial, or decree of the Probate Court on such petition, may appeal therefrom to the Supreme Judicial Court in like manner as appeals may be taken from other decrees of that court; and the Supreme Judicial Court, in its discretion, may allow any parent, who had no personal notice of the proceedings before the decree, to appeal at any time within one year after actual notice thereof.

SECT. 11. Repeal of former acts. [*Approved May* 18, 1871.]

In the above have been entered the amendments made by Act 1872, Ch. 311, to 1871, Ch. 310.

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Miss Annie H. Thwing	65 Beech Glen St., Roxbury.
Mrs. A. Davis Weld	Forest Hills Street, Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. W. C. Williamson	370 Marlborough Street, Boston.

Dates of Election.

Mr. Brooks	May, 1896.
Miss Cabot	February, 1897.
George E. Cabot	March, 1895.
Samuel Cabot	February, 1887.
Miss Cary	February, 1887.
Mr. Clark	April, 1896.
Mrs. Coolidge	April, 1888.
Miss Cummings	October, 1894.
Mr. Daland	March, 1884
Mr. Dana	December, 1895.
Miss Denny	April, 1892.
Miss Dexter	May, 1896.
Mrs. Edes	January, 1894.
Mrs. Eliot	October, 1894.
Miss Emmons	August, 1895.
Mrs. Greenough	March, 1897.
Mr. Jenks	December, 1877.
Mr. Lowell	April, 1892.
Mrs. Lowell	April, 1892.
Dr. Minot	April, 1891.
Mrs. Pearmain	April, 1892.
Mrs. Peirson	October, 1867. Resigned October, 1871, reëlected December, 1874.
Mr. Porter	June, 1870.
Mr. Putnam	February, 1887.
Miss Revere	April, 1869.
Miss Reynolds	April, 1897.
Miss Rogers	April, 1896.
Mrs. Shaw	April, 1881.
Dr. Stowell	August, 1895.
Miss Thwing	April, 1878. Resigned April, 1891, reëlected March, 1897.
Mrs. Weld	November, 1884.
Mrs. Williamson	April, 1879.

Standing Committees.

Admission.

Mrs. PEARMAIN. Miss THWING.
Miss DEXTER. Dr. STOWELL.

Business with City and State.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. DALAND.
Mr. GEORGE CABOT.

Clothing.

Mrs. PEIRSON. Mrs. LOWELL.

House.

Mr. DALAND. Mrs. LOWELL.
Mrs. WELD. Mrs. ELIOT.
Mr. LOWELL.

Adoption and Discharge.

Miss REVERE. Mr. PUTNAM. Mrs. COOLIDGE. Mrs. SHAW.
Mrs. EDES.

Boarding.

Miss CARY.
Mrs. WILLIAMSON.
Miss EMMONS.
Mrs. COOLIDGE.
Miss ROGERS.
Miss CUMMINGS.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Mrs. PEIRSON.
Mrs. LOWELL.
Dr. CHAS. P. PUTNAM, *ex officio.*
Mr. CLARK.
Mr. CABOT, *ex officio.*

Finance.

Mr. DANA. Mr. LOWELL.

Auditors.

Mr. CLARK. Mr. DALAND.

Matron.

Miss EDITH M. EATON.

Attending Physicians.

Dr. Charles P. Putnam, 63 Marlborough Street.
Dr. H. W. Broughton, Gordon Street, Jamaica Plain.
Dr. Arthur P. Perry, 60 Elm Street, Jamaica Plain.

Consulting Physicians.

Dr. Francis Minot, 65 Marlborough Street.
Dr. Arthur T. Cabot, 3 Marlborough Street.

Visitors.

April	Miss Denny.	Mrs. Coolidge.
May	Mrs. Greenough.	Mrs. Edes.
June	Mrs. Edes.	Miss Rogers.
July	Mrs. Weld.	Mrs. Weld.
August	Miss Revere.	Miss Revere.
September	Miss Cummings.	Miss Dexter.
October	Miss Thwing.	Miss Emmons.
November	Mrs. Eliot.	Miss Reynolds.
December	Mrs. Coolidge.	Mrs. Pierson.
January	Mrs. Williamson.	Miss Cabot.
February	Miss Emmons.	Miss Cary.
March	Mrs. Lowell.	Miss Cummings.

The Massachusetts Infant Asylum.

THE Massachusetts Infant Asylum is on Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, within five minutes' walk of Boylston Station, on the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Admission.

Applications for admission may be made to the Admission Committee at Charity Building, Chardon Street, daily between the hours of 10 and 11 A. M.

The Committee are prepared to admit children under the age of eighteen months who can pay $3.00 or more per week, if otherwise suitable. The Committee are also prepared to take children of the same age for $2.50 per week, if strong enough to be placed at board. The limit of those under the care of the Asylum who pay less than $2.50 per week is at present forty. These children must be under nine months old.

The Asylum has especial facilities for the care of delicate but not diseased children of those parents who can afford to pay more than the usual amount of board.

No child born out of the State is admitted except under provision of law. Such children may be admitted, however, when over six months, if presented by other Institutions and if board be paid.

All children are subject to a medical examination, and are not admitted if suffering from any contagious disease that would endanger the other inmates or from any incurable affection.

Adoption.

Application for infants to be adopted may be made to the Matron at the Asylum or to any member of the Adoption Committee.

Visitors.

Visitors will be admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays, between two and five o'clock P. M.

Trains leave the Park Square Station of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for Boylston Station at frequent intervals.

Electric cars for Jamaica Plain leave the Tremont House, Boston, every ten minutes. Passengers alight at Wyman Street.

Report of the Directors.

THE Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum present their thirtieth Annual Report: —

ACCOUNT OF THE BABIES

April 1, 1896, the Asylum had under its care		37
Admitted during the year		93*
		130
Died	6	
Discharged	57	63†
In care of the Asylum, April 1, 1897		67
		130
April 1, 1897.		
In the main Asylum		26
At board		41
		67

* 30 wet nurses' children; 63 admitted by Committee.

175 applications were made to the Admission Committee.

63 admitted.
3 declined.
23 withdrawn.
86 referred to the Children's Aid and other Societies.

175

†6 died.
35 taken by mothers.
2 on trial for adoption.
1 discharged to Boston City Hospital.
19 taken by relatives or friends.

63

From the Treasurer's Report it will be seen that our receipts were $8,829.50 and our expenses $11,717.37, leaving a deficit of $2,887.87 which must be taken from our funds. The amount is large, but we have felt that the work presented to us ought to be done and in no other way can we show so forcibly the needs of our Institution.

During the past year we have endeavored to be in closer touch with the other Societies caring for young children, and with this view we have kept up our connection with a Joint Committee mentioned in last year's Report; through the efforts of this Committee there has been arranged an interchange of applications and reports, with the object of securing for each case that it shall be referred to the Institution best suited to its need. This has been partially the cause of the increase in our numbers; but also many distressing cases came to the notice of our Admission Committee during the summer, and contrary to our general rule of not admitting babies at that season, these babies were taken and the Home kept crowded to its utmost capacity without bad results.

The Clothing Committee has this year cut out 138 dozen garments. The increased number of children had emptied our clothing closet, and the shelves had to be restocked. All these garments have been made up without expense to the Asylum, and we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the Needlewoman's Friend Society, to Mrs. H. L. Higginson, and to the Canton Sewing Circles, for giving us both sewing and valuable time. Articles of clothing of every description for children are always gratefully received; hand-knit stockings being especially acceptable.

In the autumn we lost the services of Miss McKean, who had been our able Matron for years, but who was obliged to resign on account of ill health.

We have grown to see the larger scope of our work. In addition to saving helpless babies, for which object we were originally founded, we have found that in many cases we can keep alive the maternal instinct of the parent, and after giving the babies the care and healthy life so essential to their infant years, we return them to their natural supporters, so that the community is doubly the gainer. In many cases this is impossible, but while our object has ever been to give relief when necessary, and yearly we are forced to spend beyond our means, yet we do not allow the burden to be cast aside by the relatives when there are members of the child's family able to care for the child.

We desire to express our thanks to the medical staff, for their continued interest and devotion, especially to the doctors in the country who have visited the babies at board and have only taken a small fee when they have made any charge.

The good people who take our infant children to board are not our least benefactors, even though they do take a small pay for large labors. Perhaps their chief reward is in the cultivation of kindly feeling and self-sacrificing love which comes to them, even the men, as a consequence of the presence of the children in their households.

While we have a number of babies at the Asylum whose parents contribute towards their support, the large majority are entirely at our charge. The increasing number under our care shows the extent of the work to be done if the task we have undertaken is not to be left unfulfilled.

We find by adding together the total number of weeks during the year each child was with us a total of 3155, and an examination of our Treasurer's Report shows that the cost per child per week was $3.71, or after deduc-

tion of board money received $2.68 at the Asylum and at board.

In this connection we have thought it would be of interest to make a comparison of the cost of maintenance per child per week at the Asylum, with the cost at other institutions. While our Home is not a hospital, yet when we consider the constant attention which the age of the infants necessitates, the comparison in many ways is not unfair. We find the weekly charge per patient as follows: —

Massachusetts General Hospital	$18.10
Eye & Ear Infirmary	12.67
Vincent Memorial	11.62
The West End Nursery	about 10.00
Our expense at the Asylum is	4.95
And for the babies out at board	2.50

As an illustration of the sort of work the Asylum is doing, the Directors give from their records the histories of the following cases: —

Edward A. B——, born November, 1896. Married parents. James B——, the father, having lost his fishing vessel some years ago, was employed by the city of Boston to take tally on a bridge, and was killed in trying to stop a runaway horse July, 1896, before the birth of the infant. Mrs. B—— was very delicate, after her confinement, from trying to get up too soon. She thought, however, that she could support herself and her three-years-old child if relieved of the care of her infant.

Dolly and Daisy K——, born January, 1897. Twins, Russian parents. Mother died at Lying-in Hospital, where she was taken after the birth of the twins. The birth of the children was slightly premature, but they are gaining in strength and will be taken care of by the

Asylum until they are strong enough to go back to their relations.

Catherine V. G——, born October 1, 1896. A delicate child when she entered the Asylum, now one of the strongest babies in the house. Parents married, honest struggling people. The mother has been known for years to Miss Minot. She was ill and went to the Carney Hospital. The father undertook to care for the older children with the help of the neighbors, while the mother was away. She is now quite recovered and expects to take the child back.

Arthur R——. The father deserted the mother, leaving her with three little children. Arthur was boarded in Canton by the Asylum. He had very good care, but had whooping cough badly, and died. The mother died two days later of typhoid pneumonia. She expressed much gratitude for the kindness and care that her child had received when under the care of the Asylum. The thought was soothing to her during her own illness.

Mary F. L——, born October, 1896. Parents married. Man out of work. Mother in Insane Hospital for insanity after confinement. The grandmother must go to work and cannot keep the infant. There is no one to help pay board.

An analysis of our Treasurer's Report shows us that we must endeavor to increase the number of our yearly subscribers and obtain more donations. In order to do this we must bring home to the public that neglect does not always bring death, that we are giving these babies health and thus preventing them from growing up burdens on the community as invalid paupers. We must make those whose sympathies do not rouse them to save these helpless lives realize that death is not always at hand to relieve society of its duty.

Report of the Physicians.

THE whole number of children in the charge of the Asylum during the year was 130, of whom six, or 4.6 per cent., died. Three died in the Asylum: one of marasmus, one of asthenia, one of pneumonia; and three at board: one of "water on the brain," one of whooping cough, one of cholera infantum. This is a satisfactory showing, and similar to that which we have made in the past few years. The percentage, however, is calculated on the whole number of children under our care, and as some of these stay under the care of the Asylum for two years, they are counted again in the totals of last year or next year.

The result is therefore different, if we take a series of years, calculating the percentages of death on the admissions of each year, and it will be interesting to take a survey in this manner of the statistics of the Asylum since it was opened in 1868. Originally established on account of the enormous death rate in the almshouses, the Asylum succeeded at once in making a certain reduction of this death rate, and the improvement has gone on with fair success ever since.

It should be premised that these statistics are likely to make a better showing than they ought, that is, we cannot be sure to go on every year doing as well as now. In making statistics, it is also always difficult to find things to compare which are exactly analogous. In our case, of course, the condition of the infants when received is an important element in the question of mortality. Some of them are strong and healthy when they come in, others at the point of death (some have actually died within a few hours or days), some bring tuberculosis with them, and of some the organs of digestion are so much injured that they can never recover. The death rate must, in a great degree, be influenced by the relative number of children in these different classes. But as the character of the infants received has not changed apparently in any definite way, we must conclude that the great improvement which has taken place in the mortality is mainly due to better feeding, better housing, and better care in the Asylum itself; and

to the great extension of the boarding system, and the better judgment in putting children out to board, and bringing them back when necessary.

The system which has been in vogue for many years is to keep all the children in the Home until they are fit to go to board and to return them, as far as practicable, when they need the care of the Home again. In certain states of health they do better at board than in the Asylum, but if we had no asylum, and were obliged to put out all children at once, the results would certainly be far less favorable.

The original plan contemplated keeping almost all the children in the Asylum itself, making the boarding system subsidiary. In fact, very few children were boarded out until 1871, and even then but a small proportion of the whole.

The Asylum was opened in 1868, in Dorchester, but in the first year the house was found to be in a very unsanitary condition. A house was then taken in Brookline, which was also far from being suitable for so large a family. In 1875–76 the Asylum was moved from Brookline to the commodious and healthy buildings which it now occupies.

Supplying wet nurses for the sickest children was supposed to be a part of the plan at the beginning, but apparently such wet nurses were practically not employed to any extent during the first few years. Then the plan was adopted of admitting mothers with their children, whereby half wet-nursing was obtained for the child so admitted, and also for another child. Ever since the fourth or fifth year as many mothers as possible have been admitted in this way with their children. An attempt has also been made from time to time to find boarding-places where children could be nursed at the breast, but this has not, on the whole, been a success, though occasionally a good boarding-place of this character has been found.

Of the 2,137 children admitted from 1868 to the end of 1895,* or about twenty-eight years, 472 children have died, or 22 per cent. Of those admitted during the first four years, 51 in 1868, 65 in 1869, and 61 each in 1870 and 1871, there died respectively 26, 38, 26, 37, or, taking all together, an average of 53 per cent., while of the 35 admitted in 1894, our most favorable year, only one died, making the percentage less than 3 per cent. Of course there are many steps between these two percentages, between one half and one thirty-third.

It appears that, taking five years at a time, we lost in each series the following percentages: 49.6 per cent.; 24.1 per cent.; 18 per cent.;

* The year 1896 is not counted, because many of the children admitted in that year are still under the care of the Asylum.

22.1 per cent.; 10.9 per cent.; 5.8 per cent. (in the remaining three years). Or looking at the figures by hundreds, we find that of the first three hundreds, lasting from 1868 into 1873, we lost about half. In the next fourteen hundreds, from 1873 into 1888, the number varies up and down somewhat, but on the whole we lost less than a quarter. From the eighteenth to the twenty-second hundred we have lost respectively, 10, 12, 12, 3, and 8 (but this number may be increased, as some of the twenty-second hundred are still in the Asylum); or if we begin at the end and count back five hundred children, taking those who would be at least two years old and would therefore have graduated from the Asylum by April 1, 1897, we find that of these five hundred children, fifty-one have died, or one death over ten per cent.

The improvement in the mortality is more striking, if we consider that it has greatly changed the relative position of the preventable to the unpreventable diseases. Cholera infantum and other diarrhœal diseases are far less frequent than they used to be. For several years no child has died in the Asylum itself from an attack of this sort, and not a few have been saved who were taken sick at board and brought back to the Asylum. The great proportion of causes of death has come to be either of the accidental or of the unpreventable kind. Thus, starting at the end of the list preceding this year and reading backwards, we find —

Pneumonia,	Meningitis,	Membranous Croup,
Whooping-Cough,	Tuberculosis,	Marasmus,
Asthenia,	Bronchitis,	Enteritis,
Marasmus,	Tuberculosis,	Meningitis,
Water on the Brain,	Consumption,	Pneumonia,
Marasmus,	Convulsions,	Pneumonia,
Consumption,	General Tuberculosis,	Cholera Infantum,
Cholera Infantum,	Marasmus,	
Spinal Meningitis,	Tuberculosis,	

and so on.* That is, of the last 25 deaths there were only two acute diarrhœal diseases, namely, cholera infantum, and one which may have been either acute or chronic, namely, enteritis, whereas, in the early days of the Asylum more than one third of all the deaths were due to diseases connected with indigestion of various kinds.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM,
for the Physicians.

* The nomenclature varies very much, because the certificates of death were signed by a great many different physicians, some of the children being at board and some at the Home.

An Experience of Thirty Years.

By F. B. Sanborn, of Concord.

To the Directors of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, — It is thirty years, lacking a month, since the General Court of Massachusetts, upon the request of many citizens of Boston and its vicinity, of whom Mrs. E. D. Cheney, of Jamaica Plain, Mr. Charles F. Donnelly, of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, and myself are almost the sole survivors, granted a charter to your Asylum, and empowered the late Martin Brimmer, Thomas Coffin Amory, and Mrs. Josiah Quincy, grandmother of the present mayor of Boston, with their associated friends, — among them Dr. Samuel Cabot, Samuel E. Sewall, Thomas Russell, Mrs. H. I. Bowditch, Mrs. Augustus Hemenway, Hugh Carey, Rev. John Parkman, and Miss Anna Cabot Lowell, — to form a corporation with certain public powers, which were to be exercised in conjunction with the Board of State Charities and the Overseers of the Poor of cities and towns, for the care of deserted and destitute infant children. The immediate occasion of this action was the great observed mortality of such infants, when sent, as most of them were, to the state and city almshouses. An inquiry made by the State Board — of which I was then secretary, and afterwards chairman, but whose chairman at that time was the celebrated philanthropist, Dr. S. G. Howe — had established the fact of this mortality; and the statistics were so startling that the legislative committee of 1867 had rushed to the conclusion that a state foundling hospital was needed, and so reported to the same legislature which had chartered your Asylum. Dr. Howe, the late Henry B. Wheelwright, and myself, all members of the State Board, and familiar with the facts, opposed this hasty and needless recommendation, and caused its defeat in the General Court. But so much was Dr. Howe impressed with the dangerous possibility of such a measure that, in the Fifth Report of the State Board, wherein appeared my monograph on the subject of "The Care of Foundling and Deserted Infants" (much of it identical with your First Annual Report, which I wrote as your secretary), he gave twenty pages of

his chairman's report (dated February 17, 1869) to a discussion of the history of infanticide and foundling hospitals. In this he rather questioned the result which I had stated as probable, if proper care was had, that half the existing mortality among motherless infants could be prevented.

The history of our Asylum (I may use the pronoun, as one of its founders, and ever its friend) has shown that I was not, as Dr. Howe had feared, "over sanguine;" for you have reduced the death rate in this most perishable class of infants from 95 per cent. to hardly 20 per cent., a saving of more than two thirds.[1] Besides, you and your predecessors have changed the old distrustful opinion adverse to the saving of infant life, if the infants were illegitimate, into its very opposite; and I think you have avoided the worst evils which Dr. Howe feared might flow from your very success. More than this, you have demonstrated the principles upon which the Asylum has acted to be efficacious not only for the preservation of life in this specially unfortunate class, but highly useful also in the general care of infants, as no doubt will be shown in the medical history of the Asylum.

In contributing to this retrospective report, it has been suggested that I make "a review of our thirty years' work from the philanthropic and sociological standpoint, indicating the evolution that has taken place in charitable ideas and methods, and showing of what value we have been to the community, — perhaps also sketching the future." This is an attractive but difficult task, and I will crave your favorable consideration for the imperfect manner of my performance.

The changes of the generation that has now passed, since the close of our civil war, have indeed been very great; and perhaps nowhere more noticeable than in the view taken of the relation of the general community to public and private charity. It seems to me, however, to have been less an *evolution* than a *diffusion* of ideas, — an extension from the few, who then held and acted on them, to the many who are now so actively interested. Systematic charity has always been favored by thoughtful persons; and there is little in the present activity, so far as methods go, which you cannot find anticipated by persons with a genius for philanthropy, like Dr. Howe and Florence Nightingale, and the Hill family of England. What time has done is to bring their germinating thought to practical fruit in a thousand communities; the vision of the solitary enthusiast, or observant man of affairs, has become the accepted theory of every-day life, and there are many who will be surprised to be told that it was ever otherwise.

[1] In fact, of the last 500 babies admitted only 51 have died, about 10 per cent.

What, then, does systematic charity teach and require in regard to infant children? Not that father and mother should forsake them, and then charitable citizens take them up; but that the parental relation shall be maintained wherever possible, and especially that the duties of the natural father shall not be neglected if he can be induced, either by persuasion or legal compulsion, to perform them in the matter of support. Hence the importance of coöperation between the public authority and the private charity, — for without the former, moral harm will be done by benevolence itself, and without the latter, the tender care which infants need is not likely to be given. The State and the city can never continuously do all that neglected infancy requires for its best development, though they may for a time assume the task. On the other hand, individual and corporate charity cannot of itself command the conditions which prevent serious abuses of its liberality; such, for example, as the sending into Boston from other communities, and from foreign countries, illegitimate infants, for whom concealment or uncompensated support is desired. This combination of public and private service is difficult to arrange and to maintain; but without it the old evils of foundling hospitals, and the modern evils of "baby-farming," will vitiate any effort, however well meant.

But public charity does not mean a return to the ancient methods of congregating children in state or city establishments. Apparently, the great discovery made in charitable matters since 1867 is that the individual family is the pivot on which public and private beneficence to the poor must turn; that the "institution," great or small, is a necessary evil, for which, in most cases, the single household must or may be substituted. The old-fashioned "workhouse test" tended to sweep mothers and children, old and young, innocent and vicious, into one local receptacle; the almshouse, like the ready-made garment, was to be "long enough for any man, and short enough for any boy." Traces of that amusing fallacy still linger in second-hand minds; but the thoughtful world is marching away from it in diverging files, like Napoleon's horsemen, sounding the waters of Egypt. Instead of one almshouse, we now see ten, — one for knaves, another for fools, a third for drunkards, a fourth for epileptics, a fifth for children, a sixth for the contagious sick, a seventh for the uncontagious, an eighth for the insane, a ninth for aged couples, a tenth for the honest poor. Experience has taught *us* to give up the unmitigable absurdity of an almshouse for motherless infants; but it is still cherished, in some regions, I doubt not, to which the story of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum has not penetrated. Yet while we were still sending such infants, at

the rate of a hundred and more in a year, to the Tewksbury State Almshouse, only to die in torture there, Howe and Wheelwright were proclaiming that "the policy should be to place but one infant in one family, paying a sufficient compensation to command good places, and providing for efficient supervision by responsible and well paid women." These were the published words of Dr. Howe in 1868, and they had been the private opinions of himself and his colleagues for years before. Put in practice by our Asylum, they have been demonstrated to furnish the best prevention of infant mortality, and, at the same time, to bring the general community into the best understanding of what an advancing, democratic civilization demands.

Such a civilization tends to separate one class from another, unless this is counteracted in some positive way. The civil war counteracted it, at great expense of life and limb, by bringing all classes together in a common defense of the nation; and that was one reason for the remarkable development of philanthropy that followed the war. Such an influence has now exhausted itself; but in lieu of it has come this common sentiment which makes it easier to "organize charity" in a hundred cities than it formerly was to do the same in Boston alone. And the strongest incitement to this pleasing activity seems to me now to be the natural interest all women take in children. There is hope in their future, while, for most of our older beneficiaries, only alleviation of inevitable evils can be looked for. Moreover, it begins to be seen here, as in France, though not to the same dismal degree, that the natural increment of children is declining, for those social classes where children receive the greater care, and may look forward to the more prominent station. Hence, a greater anxiety for the preservation of such infants as those you care for; hence, also, their reception, by adoption, into families from which they would once have been excluded, but where now their presence is desired in a childless home.

Of course there is no thought of diminishing the work of our Asylum, for never was its service more needed than now. By some chance — possibly by the very excellence with which its work has been done — it has fallen out of those relations to the State which my colleagues and myself took pains to establish and maintain, although the directors of the Asylum could not always see their value. It should be your task to resume that share in the public work which it was yours first to perform satisfactorily. If the State cannot furnish you with infants to be cared for, perhaps the city of Boston can. Many motherless and abandoned infants are found in Boston, and more than half of these, probably, if the truth were known, belong, under our present laws, to

Boston for support. In the recent reconstitution of the public charities of the city, at which we all rejoice, increased attention has been given to children above the infant age. Further inquiry will show how the motherless infants can be better cared for by the city; and I shall expect to see this Asylum doing its part in the work. It has certain advantages, in its considerable fund, its freedom from political and sectarian bias, and its noble record of past service. In the wide scope of organized charity, which will steadily grow wider, a place exists for your special activity; and it mainly needs the enthusiasm and good sense of its former supporters, and those who are taking the vacant chairs, to maintain it in growing, rather than lessening importance.

CONCORD, MASS., April 12, 1897.

Dr. GEORGE E. CABOT, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH MASSACHUSETTS INFANT ASYLUM. *Cr.*

1896.			
April 1.	Balance as per account rendered		$694.84
1897.			
April 1.	Amounts received during year:		
	Annual subscriptions	$1,033.00	
	Donations	453.00	
	Income from funds	4,108.04	
	Subscription to supplementary board	527.16	
	Board paid by mothers	2,708.30	
	Current receipts		8,829.50
	Bequest of B. P. Cheney		2,000.00
	Sale of $5,500 Atchison, Topeka R. R. 1st mortgage 4 per cent. bonds		4,394.74
	Sale of $3,000 Atchison, Topeka R. R. 1st mortgage 4 per cent. bonds, adjustment		1,260.00
	Sale of 10 shares Boston & Albany R. R. stock		2,044.50
	Sale of $500 Chicago, Burlington & Northern 1st mortgage 5 per cent. bonds		515.00
	Sale of $5,000 Oregon R. R. Navigation Co. 1st mortgage 4 per cent. bonds		4,043.75
	Sale of 22½ shares of Oregon R. R. and Navigation Co. preferred stock		849.38
	Payment of loan secured by collateral		650.00
			$25,281.71

1897.			
April 1.	By amounts paid during year:		
	Board of children	$4,731.00	
	Salaries and wages	2,416.41	
	Milk	601.98	
	Provisions	1,452.30	
	Ice and water	81.50	
	Clothing	381.95	
	Light and fuel	870.78	
	Drugs and medicines	77.19	
	Repairs, house furnishings, and materials	330.84	
	Stationery and printing	230.70	
	Telephone and express	70.00	
	Incidentals	161.35	
	Rent of safe at vaults	30.00	
	Sewer assessment	281.37	
	Current expenses		$11,717.37
	Bought 50 shares Lenox Street Building Trust		5,000.00
	Bought 10 shares Boston & Albany R. R.		2,003.75
	Bought 2 shares Suffolk Real Estate Trust		2,000.00
	Bought $4,000 note, secured by first mortgage on real estate on Circuit Road, Brookline		4,000.00
	Balance		560.59
			$25,281.71

Dr. GENERAL PROPERTY ACCOUNT. *Cr.*

1897. April 1.			
SECURITIES HELD IN FUNDS, AT MARKET VALUE:			
City bonds			$4,000.00
Railroad bonds			9,855.00
Investments in real estate and mortgages			44,256.25
Bank stocks			5,785.00
Railroad shares			12,379.00
Deposits in Savings Banks			200.00
Miscellaneous Shares			2,664.00
			$79,139.25
GENERAL FUNDS:			
Land and buildings	$43,950.74		
Furniture	882.02		
		44,832.76	
Cash			560.59
			$124,532.60

1897. April 1.	
Cora Lyman fund	$20,000.00
Clothing fund	2,287.00
Hannah Cabot fund	1,000.00
May fund	445.00
Joy fund	5,000.00
Hollingsworth fund	100.00
Dixwell fund	3,000.00
Downes fund	20,000.00
William Warren fund	4,000.00
N. Merriam fund	4,851.00
Sidney Bartlett fund	1,000.00
Mary Georgiana Sturgis fund	500.00
Mary Blake Wheeler fund	100.00
Lowell fund (restricted)	10,000.00
Lowell fund (unrestricted)	4,431.25
Building fund	15,700.42
B. P. Cheney fund	2,000.00
General fund	33,633.79
	$128,048.46
Profit and loss during year	3,515.86
	$124,532.60

I, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account of George E. Cabot, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum for the year ending April 1, 1897, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and the property and cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated.

Signed, TUCKER DALAND,
for Auditing Committee.

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	$453.00

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$10 worth of printing. — George H. Ellis.
Chest for the secretary's papers. — Mrs. W. C. Williamson.
1 knit afghan. — Mrs. Oliver Everett, Worcester, Mass.
1 flannel wrapper, 2 pairs of shoes partly worn. — Mrs. J. B. Case, Boston.

"Youth's Companions," and 2 knit bands. — Miss Ware.
17 dresses, 11 gowns, 4 sacks. — Mrs. Walter Nash.
12 pairs stockings, 1 box of apples. — Mrs. Sheldon Lyman.
1 pair stockings. — Miss M. E. Hartwell.
1 knit jacket. — Mrs. Slocum.
Sewing on 2 dozen skirts. — First Parish Church, Canton.
14 diapers. — Mrs. Russell.
"London Illustrated News" and "Graphic," for one year. — Miss Cummings.
2 baby carriages. — Mrs. Filmore Emerson, Concord, Mass.
12 pairs stockings. — Mrs. Lyman, Brookline, Mass.
1 barrel of potatoes. — Mr. A. S. Porter, 22 Brimmer St., Boston.
A twin baby carriage. — Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Greenough Ave., Jamaica Plain.
12 "Munsey's Magazines," 1895–96. — Mrs. A. D. Weld, Forest Hill St., Jamaica Plain.
1 black walnut crib. — Mrs. Foss, Jamaica Plain.
1 barrel of apples. — Beverly Farms.
1 barrel of apples. — Mrs. Ware, 1572 Massachusetts Ave.
7 pairs of socks, 1 pair silk baby stockings, 1 pair white silk shoes, 1 pair mittens, 1 pair cotton stockings, flannel skirts and white skirts, 1 afghan, 1 pair leggings, 1 hood. — Little Miss Eliot, West Cedar St., Boston.
6 pairs babies' socks, 2 hoods, and 2 knit jackets.
Christmas turkey from Mr. Ganter, and a pair of gloves for each nurse and servant.
2 afghans, 2 woolen night dresses, 2 white dresses, 4 pair half-worn boots 1 skirt, 2 pieces of old flannel, a bundle of linen pieces. — Mrs. Coleman.
18 "Youth's Companions." — Miss Ware.
17 knit bands. — Miss Higgins, Boston Lying-in Hospital.
30 diapers, 6 bands with safety pins, 6 colored slips, 4 white slips, 2 flannel skirts, 6 shirts, 2 nightgowns, 3 sacks, 2 dressing-gowns, 3 pairs leggins, 2 pairs mittens, 2 pairs socks, 1 blanket, 2 flannel gowns, 4 hoods. — Needle Woman's Guild.